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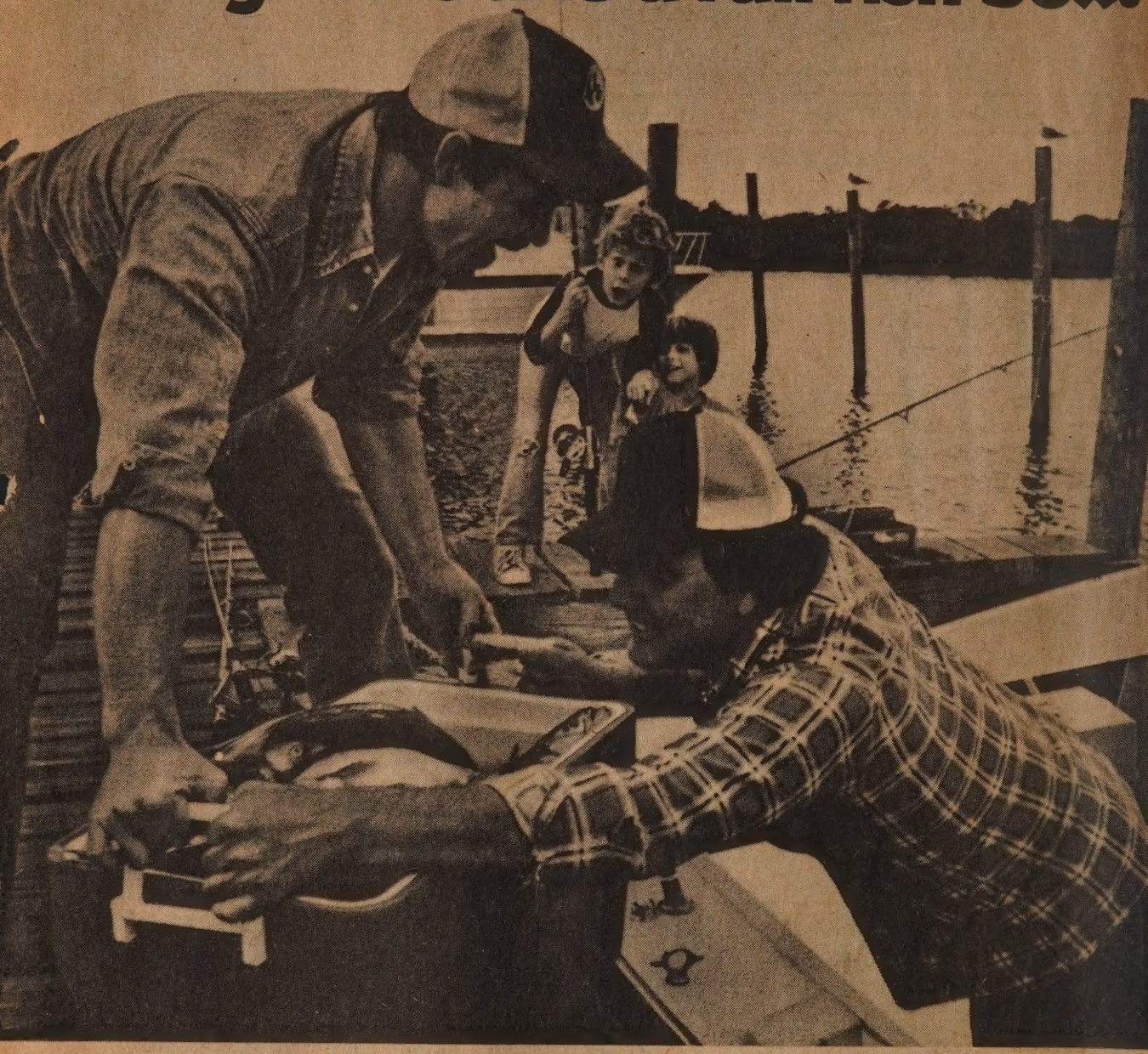

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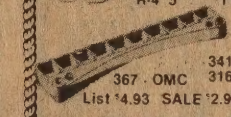

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# CHUM LINES

### *NAVIGATION RULES ALREADY OVERHAULED*

In response to the CHUM LINES article entitled, "Rules of the Road Need Overhaul?" which appeared in your March 19 issue, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that an "overhaul" has already been accomplished.

New Inland Rules of the Road were signed into law last December 24, 1980, and will go into effect this coming December 24, 1981. All members of the National Party Boat Owners Alliance have been so informed via their Newsletter, and I feel that it is in the public interest to help to disseminate this information to your readership.

The Rules of the Road that will be repealed when the new ones go into effect are: the old Inland Rules, Great Lakes Rules, Western Rivers Rules plus their respective pilot rules; and also the special small vessel rules as contained in the Motorboat Act of 1940. The new Inland Rules follow the format of the '72 COLREGS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea), and for the most part are similar to the new International Rules.

With the change in Federal fiscal policies, the new Rules will not be available free of charge as such government publications formerly were. They can be purchased for $1.50 per copy from: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. When ordering, ask for: *Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980, Public Law #96-591, Number S/N 022-003-92759.* These are available now.

In addition, a totally new edition of the volume entitled, CG-169, Navigation Rules, International-Inland is going to be prepared some time during this year, and like the new Inland Rules volume, it, too, will be offered for sale through the Government Printing Office.

These changes have been a long time in the making. As a matter of fact, there has been a Rules of the Road Advisory Committee at work on the problem just short of a decade, in order to bring the language of the Rules, as well as some of the procedures, into modern times to help cope with today's crowded waterways.

Of course, for professional skippers, obtaining a copy of the new Rules of the Road is a must. They not only have to live by the Rules of the Road, but unlike most other types of professionals who never have to face a re-examination of any sort, licensed boat operators must take a License Renewal Exercise (a test) every five years. However, thanks to a combination of pressure from the boat and engine manufacturers, coupled with the perpetual lack of sufficient funding for Coast Guard, there are no licensing requirements for boat operators in the private sector.

Unfortunately, Joe Blow doesn't have to know anything about boating. All he has to do is have enough money for a down payment on his usually over-horsepowered rig, and he can jump into his boat and proceed to wreak havoc on the water. And let's not forget the "rag sailor" who thinks he always has the right-of-way just because he's in a sailboat.

While there may be no licensing requirements for the private owner and/or operator, it is in his or her self-interest to obtain a copy of the Rules of the Road—AND STUDY IT, LEARN IT AND ABIDE BY IT!! Such efforts would help to cut down the atrocious accident rate attributable to the private sector on the maritime scene, and at the same time serve to reduce Coast Guard's Search and Rescue costs. *Capt. George F. Glas, Executive Director, National Party Boat Owners Alliance, Inc.*

### *UNFAIR BURDEN ON FLY RODDERS?*

I am writing this letter in the hope that the LIF and its readers might be interested in an IGFA rule change that I feel places an unfair burden on a small, but growing segment of the angling world: the saltwater fly fisherman. There aren't many of us who practice this sport offshore yet, so I don't expect that there will be a flood of letters showing up at IGFA, but your support may help.

The new rule states that a flying gaff may *NOT* be used on a fish to be considered for a fly rod record; use of any other tackle allows the use of one in landing the fish. I feel the rule is unreasonable since just getting a fish that is large enough to warrant such a gaff to boatside on a fly rod is proof of the angler's skill and perseverance. Is it fair to ask him to give up his well-fought fish because the crew must use equipment unsuited for the task? Any decent offshore game fish can be hell at boatside even with the proper equipment.

Take makos for instance, since they are my favorite. They always save something for the side of the boat, no matter what the rest of the fight was like. A 100 lber. is within the realm of possibility for the fly rod, yet I don't relish the thought of planting a straight gaff into one. Even a mako of that size can twist and turn enough to tear the gaff out of the mate's hand and beat him and the boat with it. With more conventional tackle, a flying gaff can be used once the mate has his hands on the wire. The prize is secured sometimes after a battle of only a couple of minutes.

An offshore game fish taken on any light tackle will surely make the angler work. Can you picture an angler standing on the deck, drenched

in sweat, after having fought a high-flying, hard running, twisting, turning adversary to a standstill at boatside watching that prize-winning fish swim off with a broken gaff sticking out of its back when it should be hanging from the gin pole? I can, and that very unpleasant thought is what prompted this letter to the editor and the IGFA. How about some help? *Capt. Zac Grossman, Larchmont, New York.*

*ALTERNATE CHUM POT*

In one of your recent issues (Feb. 19), you ran an article by John Henning discussing the making of a chum pot using lead and quarter-inch galvanized mesh wire. The article was very clear and graphic except for the fact that with the high costs of lead today (assuming that you can't pick up waste lead to use), the costs could conceivably be almost equal to buying one. In addition, I for one, live in an apartment and cannot picture myself, or anyone with children running around, melting lead and pouring it in the mold. I feel it can be dangerous. However, I would like to offer my homemade chum pot to anyone who would like to make one at a reasonable cost.

You still, of course, have to buy the wire mesh at your local hardware store. The rolls of wire are three feet wide. I bought a two-foot piece and cut it across the 3 ft. width. This gives you two pieces 1½' x 2'. These pieces, too, can be cut, depending on how high you want your chum pot to be. Take an empty 1 lb. coffee can, or 2 lb. can if you want a larger pot. Fill the bottom with 2-3 inches of sand. Take the wire mesh, cut the finished end off of one side, leaving the quarter-inch strands of wire to be used to lock the mesh in place. Roll the mesh to fit into the can with the locking strands left on the outside of the roll. When the rolled mesh is in the can, bend the strands into the mesh and then bend back to prevent the roll from opening. Remove the roll and bend the bottom in toward the center, 1'' to 1½'' around the entire roll. Take about 1 lb. of fine sand and cement. Mix it and pour an inch into the can and then place the mesh onto the cement. Pour the rest of the cement into the can and tamp it down and spread it out around the base of the wire. Allow it to set and dry for 2 or 3 days. After pouring the cement, use a pencil or any 1/4'' article and poke it down through the center of the cement into the sand. When the cement has set and dried, cut the can away from around the chum pot down as far as the sand. Remove the pot and use the bottom of the can for the cover to the pot. Drill a hole through the center, run a suitable line through the hole and down into the hole where the pencil was. Tie a knot at the end so that the line won't pull through and you now have a chum pot for about $2 or $3. I used tile grout for the cement and so far it seems to be okay. Snip around the cover and turn it in to prevent being cut by the sharp edges. I secured an 8 oz. sinker onto the cover to prevent it from rising onto the line when it is being lowered to the bottom. *Leo Pariser, Bronxville, New York*

## Pass It On...

**BEACH CLEANUP—1981**

L.I.B.B.A., along with the Farragut and Nor'West Fishing clubs wishes to alert all fishermen to an upcoming beach cleanup on April 4 and 5 at Robert Moses Park. Volunteers will meet at Parking Field 2 at 9AM. All able-bodied volunteers are invited to join the effort. The organizers of the cleanup want to point out that four-wheels drive vehicles are NOT necessary, but they do suggest that volunteers bring work gloves. For further information, call Mike Parker at (516) 277-5479.

**A PLEA TO THE READERS OF THIS PUBLICATION BY L.D. FIGURELLI, PRES. NRPA**

On February 26, 1981 we of the Natural Resources Protective Association of Staten Island, Inc., received a letter from New York Congressman Guy Molinari requesting our assistance in the opposing of a garbage-coal fueled electric power plant to be constructed on Staten Island. The proposed construction of this plant would be on the Arthur Kill waterway which empties directly into Raritan Bay.

For the past two years, through the efforts of the NRPA and other concerned sport fishing, saltwater related sportsmen and environmental organizations, the fishing and the water quality have improved tremendously. This can be verified by the news reports of our local newspapers, magazines and scientific research groups.

The siting of this power plant is in violation of all our state, Federal and local laws. I have attended public hearings and voiced the objections of the NRPA, along with Congressman Molinari and other prominent elected officials. It is believed by all that the proposed power facility by PASNY is unnecessary and unjustified.

To go into details of the dangers involved would be foolish on my part. I will leave this to qualified marine scientists who have already testified to the havoc this plant would render to the marine environment of Raritan Bay and the Arthur Kill area.

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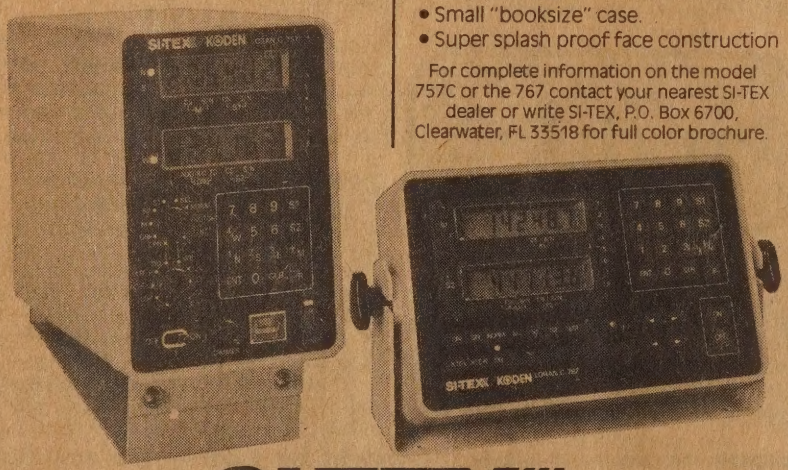


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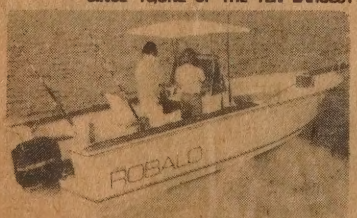


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3. The end result will be the destruction of the sport fishing, recreational sports-related industries, and the newly developed shellfishing industry in Raritan Bay.

I am pleading to all sport fishermen and women of this area to oppose the construction of this power plant, in defense of our right to live, breathe, work and play in a healthy, livable environment.

Anyone wishing to sign a petition opposing this power plant, please call or write to: Lou Figurelli, Pres., NRPA, P.O. Box 306, Staten Island, New York 10308 or call (212) 967-0410.

Congressman Molinari needs your help badly; please help us fight.

### 20TH ANNUAL BAY SHORE MAKO TOURNAMENT

The Bay Shore Tuna Club is making plans to run its 20th Annual Bay Shore Mako Tournament on the weekend of June 27 and 28. Applications will be available in a couple of weeks. Anyone interested in receiving an application may write to: Bay Shore Mako Tournament, 87 Ocean Avenue, Bay Shore, New York 11706.

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# NATIONAL SCENE

# CRAB DREDGING BILL

## *by Al Ristori*

It appears that Lou Figurelli has scored another conservation victory for the Natural Resources Protective Association of Staten Island. Lou has been waging a fight against the dredging of crabs in Raritan Bay, and now has support for that effort in the State Legislature. Assemblywoman Elizabeth A. Connelly has introduced an amendment to the environmental conservation law which will add the waters of Richmond County (Staten Island) to the prohibited areas for crab dredging, which already include Hempstead Bay and South Oyster Bay in Nassau, and Great South Bay west of Captree Bridge in Suffolk.

This bill (#3742) deserves your support, as it will save the bottom from considerable damage and prevent the otherwise illegal taking of fluke in modified crab dredges. Assemblywoman Connelly anticipates smooth sailing for her bill in that body, and a comparable Senate bill should be ready by the time you read this. However, strange things often happen in the legislature, so a note to your Assemblyman and State Senator asking for support of this bill could prove very helpful.

Lou Figurelli is also heavily involved in opposition to the proposal to build a coal/trash fueled power plant on Arthur Kill. Lou contends that it would be almost impossible to adhere to state and Federal pollution control standards, and maintain proper air and water quality under the present proposal. For more information on this project, contact Lou at P.O. Box 306, Great Kills, Staten Island, New York 10308.

**New York License Fees Going Up**

The Department of Environmental Conservation is proposing legislation that would increase resident fishing licenses by over fifty percent. Before you get too upset about that, the actual dollar amount is only $3.25. Tacked onto the present $6.25, that would bring it to $9.50—still reasonably low in this inflationary era. In fact, it would make it exactly comparable to the resident fee in New Jersey—but is actually a better deal as trout fishing is included. In the Garden State, a resident must also buy a $4 trout stamp in order to fish for that species.

Why the big increase slated for the October 1, 1981 to September 30, 1982 license year? The basic reason is that there has been no increase in license fees since 1975, and inflation has reduced the purchasing power of the revenues derived from license sales by thirty percent. Even the total range of increases proposed will not make up that deficit. The Department has tightened its belt and attempted to generate more revenue through better promotion of New York's hunting and fishing opportunities, direct requests for donations to the Conservation Fund, and improved marketing of licenses. However, with license sales fairly static, the Department hasn't been able to keep up with inflation and the fee increases (designed to generate $5.25 million in new revenues) are necessary.

The resident big game hunting license is hardest hit (on a percentage basis), with a $3.25 increase added to the present $5.25 for a total of $8.50. That is expected to raise $1,167,000, while the fishing increase will add $1,545,000. Resident small game and trapping licenses both go up by $2.25 to $8.50; while the bow-hunting and muzzle-loading stamps increase by $1 to $5.25. The big dollar increases are in the resident small game and fishing license ($5.25 to a total of $16.50); resident combination small and big game ($5 to $16.50), and resident sportsman ($8 to $23.50). The latter is expected to raise $2,192,000.

On the other hand, non-resident licenses will hardly be affected. The hunting licenses won't be changed at all, and the fishing licenses will go up by only twenty-five cents. That will put the non-resident yearly ticket at $17.50 and the seven-day license at $10.50. The basic problem involved in raising non-resident fees is that they are already so high that it's difficult to attract hunters and fishermen from other states. Despite the fact that New York is said to have more freshwater fishing opportunities than forty-six other states, it ranks only twenty-fifth in the sale of non-resident fishing license. This not only has a negative effect on revenues produced, but also on tourist-related businesses. In 1975 the non-resident fee was jacked up from $11 to $17.25. Apparently, the Department has learned its lesson about not killing the golden goose since then!

The twenty-five cent increases applied to most licenses will provide for a more equitable fifty cent fee to licensing agents. During the discussion about a proposed saltwater license last year, a NYC dealer wrote to me about the excessive costs to him involved in handling licenses. Most dealers accept the bonding and time involved as necessary expenses which bring people into the store. However, this dealer found that most license buyers didn't purchase other goods, and he dropped out of the program. The proposed fifty cent fees should at least take a little of the burden off the stores in processing licenses.

These license hikes have just been proposed, and do need legislative approval. However, there really doesn't seem to be much of an alternative. More than four-fifths of the income of the Conservation Fund comes from license fees, and in this era of tight budgets, it's unlikely that general funding will be made available for this purpose. In view of the effects of inflation and the license fees of neighboring states, this writer doesn't look on the increases as unreasonable.

**Talk About Big Ones! How About A 6000 Lb. Manta Ray!**

Reader John Szokoli, of Greenlawn, NY, was kind enough to send along a yellowed clipping from the November 9, 1933 edition of the NEW YORK SUN that detailed the capture of a big one that didn't get away. The story was actually about the movement of the mount into the "Manta Exhibition Hall on Sixth Avenue, across from the new Roxy Theater." The manta was captured on August 26 of that year by a boat fishing out of Point Pleasant. According to the story, the boat was seven miles off Brielle when they decided to "toss the anchor over for a sounding. The sounding was taken, but when efforts were made to raise the anchor again, members of the fishing party discovered that something had become entangled in the rope. Twenty minutes work brought the ray to the surface." At that point, they started the engine and towed the struggling ray to shore. The commotion attracted the Manasquan Coast Guard, who killed the ray with rifles.

The 6,000 lb. manta measured more than twenty feet from the tip of one wing to the other, and scientists at the time agreed that it was the largest fish ever caught. I'm sure that larger basking and whale sharks have been harpooned since, but there's probably been nothing taken in our waters to compare with that huge manta ray. Though that species is

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# FISH TALK

# First Winner of a Sigma Reel

## *by William A. Muller*

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH KERSHAW. Yes Joe, you are the first winner of a Sigma reel and we hope that this prize will get you well started towards a complete "Sigma System" for your fishing pleasure. Joe's letter hits right at an important point. In recent years—and especially 1980—our industry has been promoting the idea of take a kid fishing and thus help to develop a child's love for the sport. We know that a love and active interest in fishing tends to produce individuals who are model citizens. Joe writes: "Let me begin by complimenting you and the LIF staff for a job well done. You are truly the fisherman's answer to the best possible approach for success in this difficult time of fishing. I am 31-years-old, and I have been fishing since I was five. My son is six-years-old, and I've been taking him with me whenever possible for two years. It's truly rewarding for me and a valuable experience for both of us. One point that could not be over-expressed with regard to taking a child fishing is safety. I've witnessed many potentially dangerous situations over the years and there are four areas which commonly lead to accidents and problems. First is dress. As basic as it may seem, many anglers with good intentions bring young children fishing without the proper attire for a day on the water or at the beach. You should have a change of clothes for the kids. I've seen many children wade into the water when Daddy wasn't watching. They don't realize that on a cold day, they will get cold later. That kind of understanding comes later in life.

CASTING. "Check and double-check the area around you before you cast. If your child is casting be alert to the problems of aim and coordination little people have when casting. Although children are often too noisy, when you want to know they are coming, they have a habit of sneaking up on you.

REBAITING. "When placing your rod in a sand spike or against a gunwale or boat seat, always put your hook on the highest guide on your pole. This will prevent natural conditions from causing the hook(s) to swing. Swinging hooks are potentially dangerous to anyone.

KNIVES. "After you cut a piece of bait, put your knife away. Don't leave it on the bait or cutting board where a child can be tempted to pick it up. Many times, while you are fighting a fish, you can lose sight of what your child is up to and when that happens you want to know that you have narrowed the odds against an accident. Taking a kid fishing can be fun, but never forget that when children are fishing with you they are your fishing partners and deserve special attention." Thanks for the good ideas, Joe, we'll bet that many a fisherman will benefit from your advice and we also figured that anybody with so much concern for the little fisherman deserved a Sigma reel from Shakespeare.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED ON MOOCHING. We pointed out already, that several friends and readers have helped us on the mooching question posed by Mr. Marazano some time ago. We already have an explanation, but we'd like to say thanks to Frank Horan of Massapequa, Captain Frank G. Strollo of New Rochelle, Larry Dos Santos (fellow High Hill Club member), and staff writer Matt Ahern. Matt confirms the similarity we saw between mooching for salmon and weakfishing techniques used in the Peconics. "Advanced shore fishermen of those days (fifty years ago) used to mooch weakfish in the Peconic area. Their mooching rod, as near as I can recall, was extremely light; usually a seven footer. It was made from one piece of Calcutta cane. The reel as a rule was a freshwater design (Pflueger Supreme was a favorite), and was taped to the butt. Needless to say such a rod could be likened to a Straw. Though some mooching was done during daylight hours, most of it was done at night on an incoming tide. The bait was usually a whole sandworm impaled on a #4 Sproat hook. A three or four foot leader of catgut was always necessary. No terminal hardware was ever employed. The moocher fisherman would lower his rig from a bridge as close as possible to an abutment, or snake his way through the tall grass overlooking a creek. Here he would feed his bait into the current until about half the reel's line was depleted and if there were no takers, he would slowly bring it back. Needless to say, some mighty big weakfish were taken by this method."

MORE! We also wish to acknowledge contributions on mooching from Arnie Annunziata and Ralph Smyle. Arnie sent us a few pages from Robert Scharff's **Standard Handbook of Saltwater Fishing** published by Crowell and Co. (latest addition 1966). Arnie in fact is now spending some of these cold winter hours and early spring days building a spinning rod with mooching action. He is using a Lamiglas MB 84 1E. Arnie also points out that Fenwick offers a few blanks that are indicated to have mooching action. The Fenwick 44 and 45 series seems to provide what's needed, but Arnie suggests that the 45 is a bit stiffer. He also asks for some articles on outfitting small boats for more convenient fishing. We do indeed provide articles from respected fishermen on customizing small boats. A couple of years back, I wrote a series on making rod racks for a small boat. We have also had interesting ideas from our New Jersey editor, Pete Barrett, on accommodating plugs; Scott Simons did some articles on storing equipment, and we plan to do more. One of the best of these ever was done about a decade ago by Don Miller on customizing a trailer so that the wheels could be thoroughly submersible and hold self-contained grease. We plan more in the future, so keep your eyes peeled for them.

MORE! Also of interest were letters from Ralph who provided a good rundown on how the term applies to the northwest and Gil Lilienthal who sent along a portion of the Olympic catalog that indicated special mooching rigs. To all who helped out, many thanks. Perhaps we have begun a renaissance of interest in mooching tackle as it can apply to local fishing—especially weakfishing. The entire discussion once again proves that tackle and techniques change with time. There is very little that's new, but there are techniques that come in and out of common usage. Many of these tackle items and techniques may skip a generation or two and by the time they reappear, few fishermen remain who once used that approach. Thus, to a new breed and generation of anglers the technique may appear "new." We are reminded of what happened when the weakfish returned around 1970. I recall that many fishermen simply did not believe that weakfish could grow as big as the ones we have been catching during the last decade. Their lack of faith was based upon their lack of firsthand experience catching tiderunners. I know that many of my

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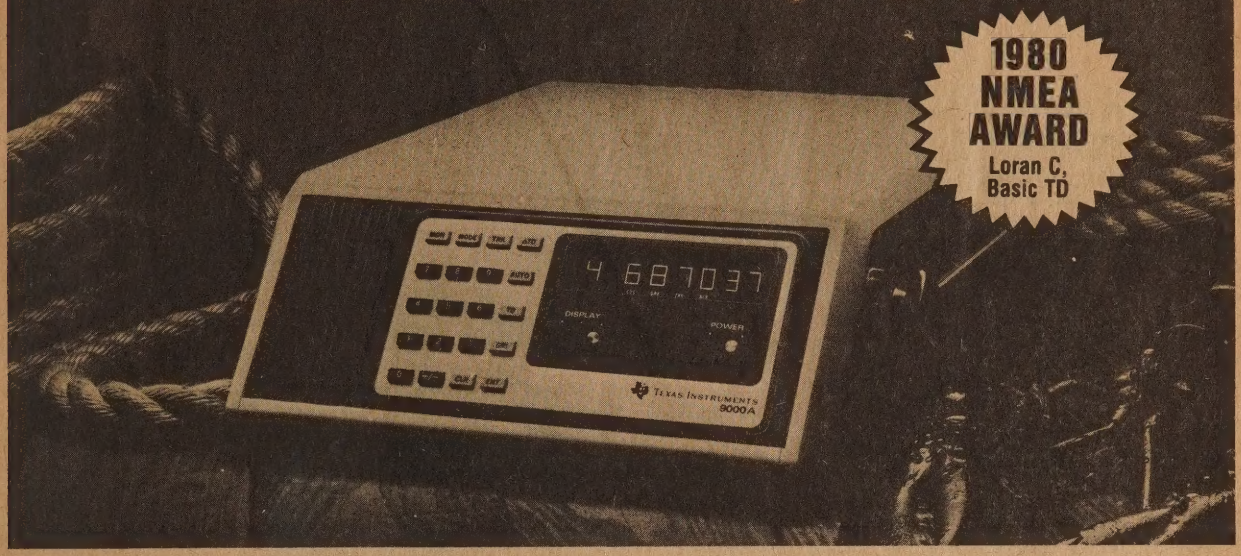


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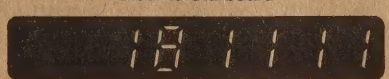

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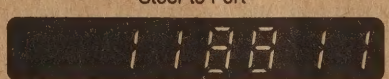

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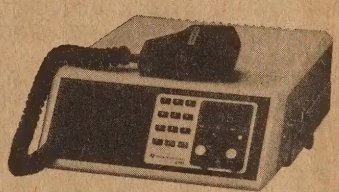

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# SURF FISHING

# ROD RACKS

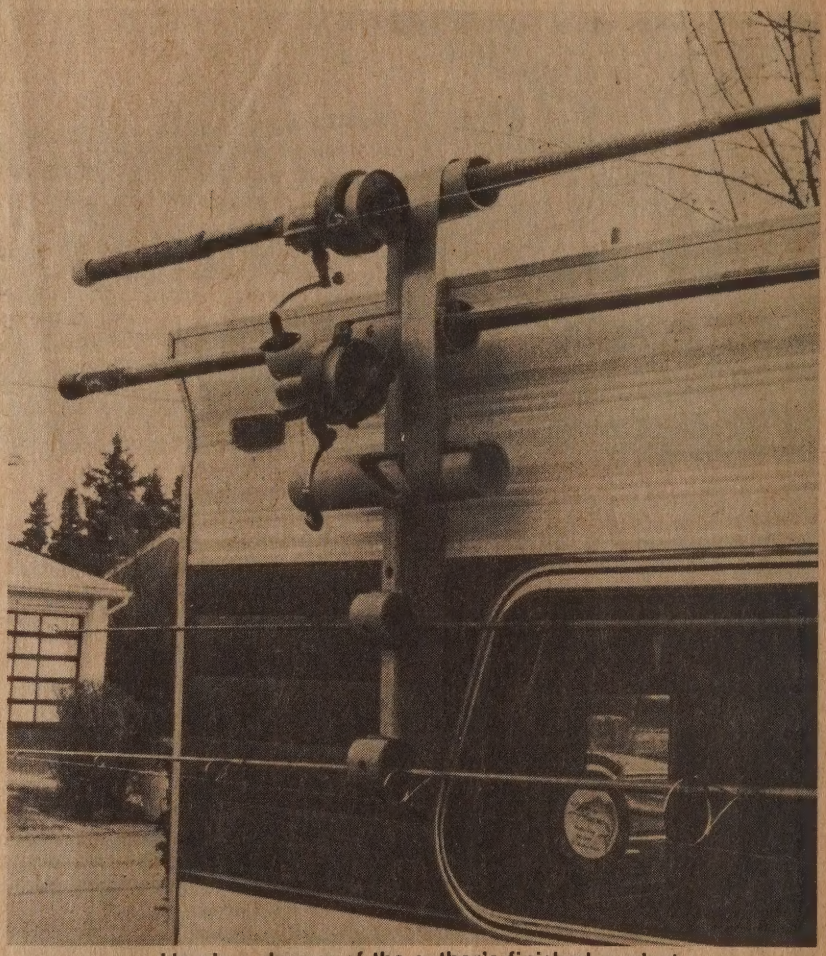
## by John Fritz

Probably the most troublesome item of surfcasting equipment to transport in a safe and accessible manner is the surf rod. Although some anglers are content using two-piece fishing rods most regular surfmen prefer sticks which do not have a disconnecting ferrule. Without going into a lengthy discussion on the merits of a one-piece rod over a rod that can be broken down, let me just point out that the majority of anglers who are constantly plying the water's edge favor the convenience of using a rod that is setup and ready for instant use. While all other gear can be carried in a two-foot-square container, these unwieldy surf sticks pose a particular problem for the beach buggy operator. True, they can be carted about with the tips jutting from a partially opened window, but this is a poor method of transporting expensive fishing rods for several obvious reasons.

Because of the many different body styles prevalent with today's vehicles, ranging from massive campers to nimble jeeps, it is necessary to deal in generalities. It can be said though, that there are two basic types of rod holders which can be adapted for almost all of the buggies in common use on the beach today. There are racks which are fastened to the roof of the vehicle and the type which is secured to the side of a vehicle, such as a pick-up truck equipped with a cap or camper.

When mounting a set of rod holders to the side of a buggy, some thought will have to be given as to the exact placement, for once the holes are drilled through the sidewall, changing of the racks' position would be unwise. Careful deliberation should be given to the clearance of doors and windows, the projection of the rod from the rear of the truck, the height from the ground and the location of any wiring in the area to be drilled. The measurements to be given later in this article can serve as a guideline which must be modified for adoption to a particular vehicle.

The two basic materials needed to fashion a set of side mounted rod racks are: two-inch diameter PVC pipe and four feet of 2x4 hardwood. If five rods are to be carried on one side of a rig, a section of PVC, 70'' long, is required. Naturally these numbers will have to be doubled if an additional set of racks is to be mounted on the opposite side of the vehicle. If possible, the wooden brackets should be made of a durable hardwood such as teak, mahogany or oak and preserved with several coats of exterior varnish. If one has access to teak wood, a coating of warmed linseed oil will protect the wood, while ensuring that its natural beauty is not diminished.



**Here's a closeup of the author's finished product.**

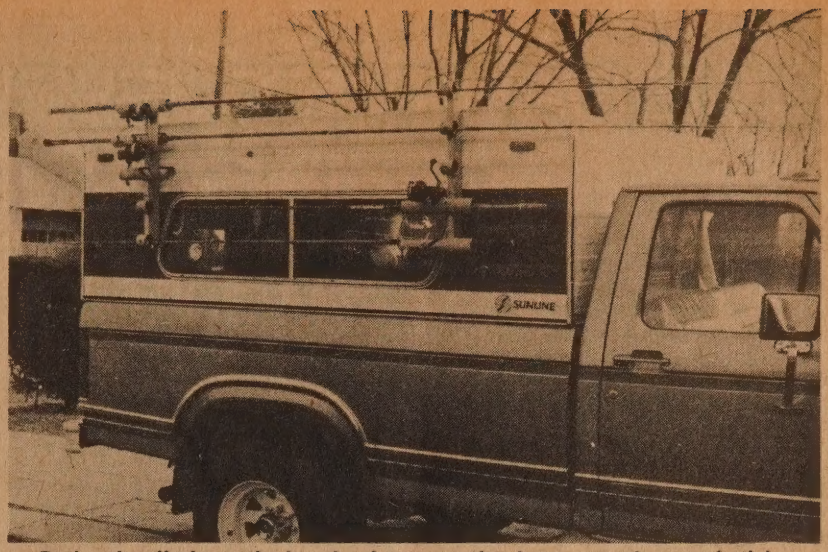
The actual construction can be started by marking and cutting out a semi-circular groove on the narrow edge of the wood into which the PVC will be fitted. By starting at the top and bottom corners, the three middle pieces can be placed approximately four inches apart. This will allow ample distance between rods to prevent the tips from slapping together when the vehicle is in motion. There will be some difficulty in disengaging the reels when all the slots are filled, but this can be circumvented by a bit of manipulation. The most obvious way is to remove the rods from the top down, so it would be wise to place the most utilized rods in the top holder. In most cases, however, a rod can be taken from a middle holder by turning the reel handles outward and sliding the reel directly above, upward. In reality this is not a major problem for on standard eight foot caps in normal installations, only three rods of ten feet or longer can be carried on each side. Larger caps and campers with their additional overhang and greater height will accommodate more fishing rods; while caps with the top level with the cab roof will require additional adjustments. In the latter

case, the rod tip should be tilted up so that the doors will open without interference or the rods will have to be carried either on the roof or on wooden brackets extending above the cap roof line. In most cases, the two lower holders can be reversed to accept rods under ten feet, or if necessary the longer sticks, although the rod tips will extend well beyond the rear of the truck where they will be subject to damage or cause possible injury to a careless passerby.

The PVC pipe should be cut into five, twelve-inch sections into which the butt end of the rod will be placed. While holding these pieces on the horizontal, mark and cut a slit lengthwise approximately halfway the length of the section making sure the notch is of sufficient width to receive the leg of the largest reel to be used. Where this notch is terminated, extend the cut downward at a 45° angle 1½'' to 2'' towards the receiving end of the pipe. This additional cut will permit the reel to be locked in place preventing the rod from sliding forward and jamming a guide against the front bracket. Secure the pipe to the wooden brace by using two rust-proof roundhead screws for each section of pipe. Access to one pre-drilled hole can be gained through the previously cut slit, but an additional access hole may have to be made through the outer wall of the pipe to allow for passage of the drill bit and screwdriver. Before these holes are formed, it would be wise to offset the adjoining pipe sections slightly so that the reels are not in a perfect line. By arranging the alignment in this manner, the reels will be less likely to strike each other.

The tip portion of the rod is held in place with 2'' pieces of plastic pipe. Slice a channel lengthwise completely through one side of the pipe so that with moderate pressure the rod can be forced into the center hole of the pipe. Secure these sections to the corresponding notches on the opposite bracket with two screws similar to those used for the larger sections. A cushion to prevent the rods from jostling about in this larger void can be fashioned from strips of weather-proofing tape. This foam rubber tape which can be purchased in various thicknesses and widths at most hardware stores, has one side coated with an adhesive. Two strips stuck to the inside circumference of the two inch sections will provide ample protection for the rod. Some anglers prefer to use spring activated clasps to secure the front sections of the rod, but this practice can mar the fine finish of a prized rod. If these holders are favored, make sure to purchase the non-corrosive types frequently found in stores which carry marine hardware.

After the brackets are completed, they are ready to be mounted on the side of the vehicle. Drill two holes completely through the narrow edge of the wooden bracket. Place the top hole between the top two holders and the lower hole in the space separating the two lower holders. Carefully select the desired location on the sidewall of the truck, making sure that the top rod will be within reach while standing on the ground. After marking the location of the holes to be made, remove the bracket and drill. One can either drill entirely through the sidewall and use a bolt which protrudes completely through the bracket and sidewall or seek a substantial support within the sidewall and screw the bracket in place. In my opinion, the former method is superior, for besides making a stronger assembly, it will allow for more leeway in positioning the rod brackets.




**Rod racks eliminate the hassle of transporting long, one-piece surf sticks.**

Since the brackets are placed on edge so that they hold the reels away from the side of the truck, a bolt of several inches will be required to secure it to the truck. By countersinking the head of the bolt an inch into the wood, a shorter bolt can be used. When using this technique a wooden plug or wood putty can be used to fill the hole, thereby hiding the heads of the bolts. Where the bolt protrudes through the inner wall of the cap a flat washer, then a lock washer and finally two nuts should be used to prevent the bracket from working loose.

The easiest method to mount fishing rods on the roof of a beach buggy is to fasten a series of twelve inch pieces of the same size PVC pipe to the rear section of a common roof rack. The front rack can be fitted with either the spring clamps or the two inch pieces of pipe, as described for the side mounts. Many of these roof racks are held in place with suction cups, which do not last long when subjected to a beating sun, and adjustable clips which snap onto the rain gutter. If your particular vehicle is not equipped with rain gutters, the suction cups can be unscrewed and by drilling corresponding holes through the roof, these racks can be bolted in place. I realize that many people are leery about making holes through the exterior of their vehicle, but by setting the bolts into a silicone sealer, no danger of leakage will exist.

A disadvantage encountered when carrying fishing rods on the roof of a beach vehicle is that the rods toward the center are difficult to reach. This is especially true of vehicles which stand higher off the ground than normal autos and since we are concerned with high clearance 4x4', this is a concern which should be considered. Some help can be gained by positioning the rod holders towards the outer edges of the rack, but be careful not to locate the holders so close together that considerable effort is involved when taking down a rod.

The pipe sections of the rod holder can be fastened to the roof rack in the same manner as the PVC was secured to the wooden brackets of the side mount. If the cross brace of the roof rack is made of metal, bolts penetrating the bottom of the pipe and passing completely through the cross brace can be used or, if preferred, U-bolts of the type used to mount exhaust lines on automobiles will be adequate for the rear brackets. Notches and foam tape identical to what was previously described will put the finishing touches to the assembly.

The rough edges left by the saw on the PVC can be leveled by using a rasp for the heavy work and following with fine sandpaper or emery cloth to produce a smooth finish. They can be either painted or left natural; cleaning can be accomplished by using a powdered cleanser and a wet sponge.

Naturally there can be many variations in the construction of these rod racks. A person's skill and imagination can fashion complex holders designed for a specific type vehicle. The important points to remember are convenience in taking down and replacing the rods, prevention of damage to expensive equipment and security—first from flying off the vehicle, and then possible theft.

# OLD TIMER'S CORNER

# POOL SHARKS

## by Matt Ahern

For some reason, to label a particular fisherman a pool shark has always been looked upon as detrimental to that fellow's reputation—a stigma, if you will. Why this should be is beyond me, for, as I see it, there's nothing wrong with being a pool shark. Certainly, this fellow isn't the shady character that name would imply. Where and how this branding began I don't know, but when I first started party boat fishing over a half-century ago, the term was common even then; and the blemish attached to it already well-established. It wasn't uncommon to hear one novice warn another: "Don't go in the big fish pool, Johnny; I heard that guy on the bow is a pool shark."

Most times, I will admit, this bit of advice was justified, but not for the reason given above. Pool sharks on board meant tough competition, and the beginner's chances of winning out against them were slim indeed. But it has long been my thought that the overall term of pool shark is far from appropriate. If that novice had said to his buddy: "Don't go in the big fish pool, Johnny; I heard that guy on the bow is a master fisherman," he certainly would have hit it on the head. For, truly, that is what these fellows were: master fishermen.

We still have pool sharks today, of course...and to that I say "Thank the good Lord," for these are the fellows who show us how it is done. We can all learn much from them if we will but watch and listen. Many of these fellows become regular passengers on a particular party boat because they have discovered that its skipper knows his business and will put them over fish. Some, however, keep a low profile and are often difficult to detect. But rest assured that when we step aboard a crowded party boat, it is a safe bet there are one or two close by; and whether we are able to pick them out or not means nothing. They are there.

But there is a world of difference between the pool shark of today and the pool shark of yesteryear. Many of those great fishermen of yesteryear were driven by necessity: they had to do everything in their power to win that pool if they and their families were to survive those hectic days of the Great Depression. For many it was the only means available to garner those extra, much-needed dollars. Can we fishermen of today imagine what it must have been like to know that your skill with rod and reel was your last chance—perhaps your only chance—to keep the wolf from the door? That your wife and children depended upon that skill? Is it any wonder the greatest bottom fishermen of all time were made during the early Thirties? For them, it was truly a matter of survival and we shall never see their like again.

**"I heard that guy on the bow is a pool shark."**

I suppose about now you are wondering what brought all this about.

It is easy enough to explain, though. I have long held those sentiments you're just read about, for not only did I fish during that time, but I was personally acquainted with many of those so-called 'pool sharks.' They were truly a grand bunch of fishermen: no end cheerful in the face of adversity, most helpful to one and all, and for them to willingly share their fishing methods at the request of total strangers was the hallmark of their calling. I know they certainly went out of their way to help me in my young days. As I've said many times, I owe them a debt I can never repay.

All these things, as I've said, were my sentiments for years and I often wondered if others felt as I did. Then last week I received a letter from Walter Schmidt of Island Trees (nine-and-a-half pages—can you imagine!) in which he told me the story of his father who was known in his younger days as a pool shark. These are Walter's own words of description, not mine. Below are excerpts from that letter.

"I know you don't know me (Walter writes), but it is possible you knew my father. He fished on the old Rose R II at about the same time you did. His name was Reiner Schmidt and I think he was the greatest fisherman of all time.

"At the time of those Depression Days my father worked for Burns

Brothers Coal Company during winter and an ice company (Knickerbocker, I believe) during summer. I use the term 'work' loosely, because he was lucky to put in three days a week with either company. I recall my father made a dollar an hour with the coal company (which was good for those days), but what he made with that ice company, I don't know...probably not as much.

"Work, as anyone who lived through that sad period knew, was damned hard to find and a man did anything to keep himself going. There was no such thing as welfare in those early days of the Depression. You were on your own. It was your family, you were responsible for them, and what happened to that family rested entirely on your own resources, although I doubt if my father and others like him would have accepted welfare even if it had been available. You never saw such pride...but then, what am I telling you that for—you saw it, too.

"I don't know what other men in the same terrible predicament did those days, but my father added to the family's meager income with his fishing skills. Weather permitting, he went fishing every day he wasn't working, and, of course, he always went in the pool, for, as Willie Sutton replied when asked why he robbed banks, that's where the money was.

"Fortunately, at the time my father had years and years of party boat experience and to win an occasional pool was far easier for him than for the average fisherman. And win them, he did. How many, I don't know; but in the four years or so it took before my father found a steady job, there had to be scores.

"I was only just entering my early teen years then, but I well remember those pool winnings put extra food on the table. And shoes for my mom and sister. And if nothing else, we always had fish to eat—although eventually we did become tired of it no matter how mom attempted to disguise it.

"We lived in a tenement on Wilson Avenue near Cooper Street in Brooklyn those days and the 14th St./8th Avenue-Canarsie line was only a short block away. When it was near time for my father to return from his day's fishing, Sis and I would go to the front room windows, which faced Wilson Avenue, and watch for him to appear from the subway exit.

"There he'd come, trudging under the weight of his catch, rod and burlap bag in one hand, the other swinging at his side. It was that swinging hand we watched, for if he looked up and held it over his head, it meant that had won the pool for that day and there would be more than fish to eat that night. With shrieks of delight, we kids would run pell-mell back through the rooms to the kitchen, shouting the good news at the top of our lungs.

"Pool winnings didn't amount to much when compared to today, and the most I can recall my father winning at one time was twelve dollars on a big fluke. But in days when shoes for a boy my age cost a dollar, and a dress for my sister, fifty cents more, it was quite a sum of extra money. And he might win two pools in one week.

"After supper, my father would rest a bit and then walk to John Gliebe's Tackle Shop on Myrtle Avenue, and sometimes he would take me along. Here he met his cronies and all the fine points of the day were discussed. Everyone those days shared each others knowledge and I think this was one of the reasons these fishermen were so successful.

"Matt, you can use this letter in one of your columns if you wish. I just wanted you and your readers to know how some fishermen made ends meet during those sad times."

I don't recall Mr. Schmidt's father, but this means nothing. There were so many fishermen cast from the same mold at that time, that it would be most unusual if I did. Perhaps he fished on those days I didn't; perhaps anything. But the fact remains that those days produced our best bottom fishermen.

So...the next time you hear someone mention "pool shark," seek him out and become acquainted with a master fisherman.

For that's what he is.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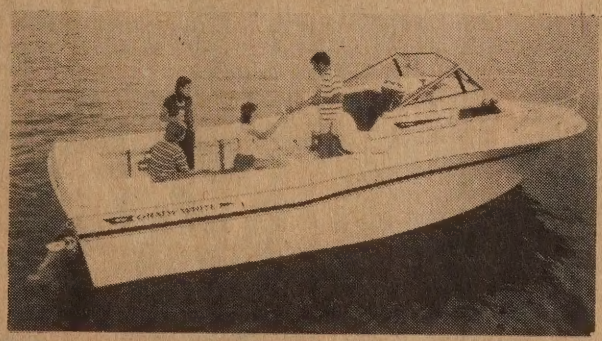

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# Desperation Flounder: GREAT SOUTH BAY

## Part One — *by Einar F. Grell*

One of my good friends recently asked me, "What do you do when you really want to catch flounder desperately?" To be perfectly blunt, I have never been desperate to catch flounder. Matter of fact, I more or less pride myself on managing to scratch up a few on those days when the fishing is really tough and Floppy the Flounder, for one reason or another, doesn't particularly relish biting much of anything.

**Chum:** Let me say at the outset, that I put much effort into my flounder fishing. In actuality, flounder fishing is more work than real pleasure. However, it could be that the work involved in the preparation does produce fish and thus eliminates much of the potential desperation involved. Before I actually begin to fish, I spend about two hours digging myself about a half bushel of bank mussels with a small, three-pronged garden tool used for scratching planting beds. I put my waders on and get into the water to pick bank mussels. Your back must be bent and you should wear rubber gloves, for bank mussels do not easily relinquish their hold on the banks to which they are attached. This is back-breaking work which many flounder fishermen avoid like the plague. The mussels obtained will be used for both chum and bait. The mussels are placed in a perforated metal cylinder. The metal cylinder is the inside spinner of an old washing machine. The spinner is filled with mussels which are mashed and broken with a baseball bat. This chum pot is lowered to the bottom where it pours forth its succulent juices. Every so often this cylinder, with a lid attached, is jiggled and lifted from the bottom to increase mussel juice flow through the perforations. The weight of the spinner plus two or three small sash weights holds and maintains position of the pot beneath my boat. In addition, I also crack mussels and throw these around the boat. If you do not have a chum pot you can easily make one by drilling half-inch holes in two, three or four gallon plastic buckets. You can also purchase these pots from any bait and tackle store. They will be made of wire mesh and have lead bottoms. I have always preferred large chum buckets, working on the premise that if you are going to chum, do it right and don't be too stingy with the chum. If you are going to set up an

**Walt Karawcyzk uses a hand rake to gather bank mussels along the banks of the State Boat Channel. Mussels are used for bait and chum.**

underwater cafeteria for flounders, give them enough juices and goodies to attract them and hold them in the area. Don't worry about over-feeding: you won't...believe me.

**Stirring up the bottom:** In addition to establishing a chum pot, I also believe in pounding the bottom with my plunger—which is nothing more than an aluminum dowel, extension handle type to 25', used for painting houses. A plumber's plunger is screwed onto the end in lieu of the roller. You can make your own contraption quite easily via many methods: long poles, etc. After the chum pot is lowered to bottom, I immediately, prior to actual fishing, go into my act—thoroughly plunging the bottom around my boat. Stirring up the bottom releases a myriad of underwater organisms such as small bivalves, marine crustaceans, worms, etc., which are living in the area. Plunging thoroughly announces to the flounder that I have arrived and that lunch is being served. You will not scare away flounder with all this commotion. They are curious. If they are in the area they will come swimming over to see what is happening. If nothing happens in a twenty to thirty minute period, I pull my anchor and go to another spot and repeat the operation. You will note that considerable work is expended in what has been described. In comparison, weakfishing, bluefishing and fluke fishing is minimum work and maximum pleasure.

**Desirable spots for flounder:** What kind of locations do I seek out in my desperation to catch these flatties? Spots fished must have muddy bottoms which is readily seen by way of the plunger sucking force, which immediately indicates whether I have a sandy or a muddy bottom. I do not waste my time on sandy bottoms in the springtime. Water is cold and flounder love to lie in the mud awaiting their next meal. Where do you find these muddy bottoms? They are not in fast-moving water, but can be found off main navigation channels, close to the banks and at openings of small drains or tidal sluiceways which carry mud and sediment to the main channels. Water must be slow moving. Areas around Squaw Island, Amityville Cut and State Boat Channel, Babylon Cut in the Bay; flats off Good Samaritan Hospital, Lindenhurst Channel, Dickerson Channel, mouth of Connetquot River, Heckscher and Bay Shore flats, and the many small drains up behind West and East Fire Island, and Sexton Island all have the muddy bottoms preferred. All anglers should purchase a U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Chart 120-SC of the area so that they can mark muddy, bottom fish producing areas. Clam and mussel bed areas are great flounder grounds. When you find them, pound bottom and fish them.

**A three-stop approach:** If I am desperate for flounder in a limited period of time—let's say about four hours for fishing—I use the three-stop approach in the Great South Bay area. That is, I go to a favorite spot on the south end of the Bay such as that in the deep hole up in back of Oak Beach Lead. I have a good muddy bottom and about twenty feet of water. I chum, plunge and fish for about an hour. If this area doesn't produce and it is a prime location, I then proceed to a middle of the Bay location such as that found where Babylon Cut enters the middle of the Bay. If no luck here, I head for the east/west twelve foot navigational channel that runs up the north end of the Bay from Babylon to Lindenhurst. This channel has a good muddy bottom and many nice holes where the current is not strong. The underlying theme in this approach is that if the flounder are not on the south end of the Bay, they could be really biting in the middle or the north ends. Many times they are biting right off Babylon pool in the navigational channel, one stop from my dock, while on the southern end nothing is happening. This method gives you good north and south range. I prefer this method to making consecutive moves in an east-west direction.

If I am fishing the State Boat Channel, I fish muddy bottoms right next to the banks or in those areas where a small drain spills forth from one to two feet of water into the State Boat Channel itself. There are many such locations working yourself west on the State Boat Channel from Frank and Dick's Bait Station at Thatch Island all the way to the Wantagh Bridge.

**Tackle:** For tackle, I employ no more than six to ten pound test line spooled onto very light rods such as those of 6½' Berkley Parametrics or very light 5' conventional rods used for chumming bass. These rods have very sensitive tips. Any small spin reel such as a Penn 720, Penn 710Z or conventional reel such as the Penn 940 will do nicely. There are many light reels to select from.

Sinker-wise, I am usually holding bottom with no more than a two ounce Dipsey or bank sinker. Most often the sinker is one ounce. This combination gives me great line feel.

My rig is a double tandem which is nothing more than a three-way swivel consisting of one part attached to your line, another which goes to your sinker, and the third to one or two hooks which are extremely sharp. Numbers six or nine Chestertown type hooks are fine. Forget about spreaders. They are weed catchers at best.

**Bait:** For bait you will string onto your hook three or four mussels by way of the black part of the mussel which is the toughest part. Don't be too concerned about the stringiness of the arrangement, which my buddy says look like spit on the hook. Just make sure that the flounder has a freely flowing bait on which to suck.

IF you are using worms, thread half of each worm onto your hook, leaving the uncut end of the worm at the barb end. Try clams dyed with yellow food coloring. Thin slices, not the whole clam, are placed on the hook with barb protruding. Some anglers throw

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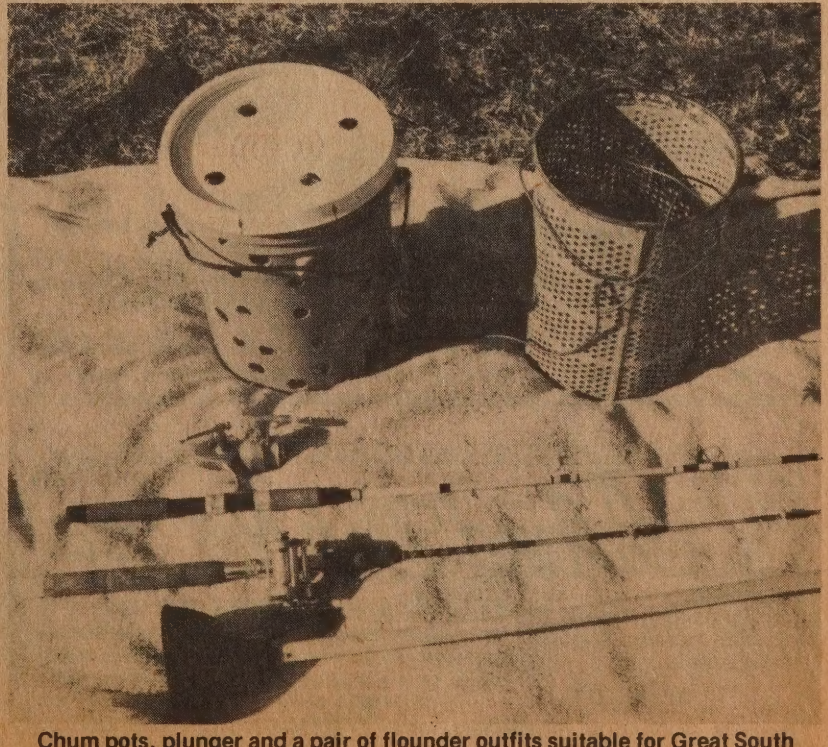

**Chum pots, plunger and a pair of flounder outfits suitable for Great South Bay. Two types of chum pots are shown: one is a converted plastic bucket; the other a steel cylinder taken from inside a washing machine.**

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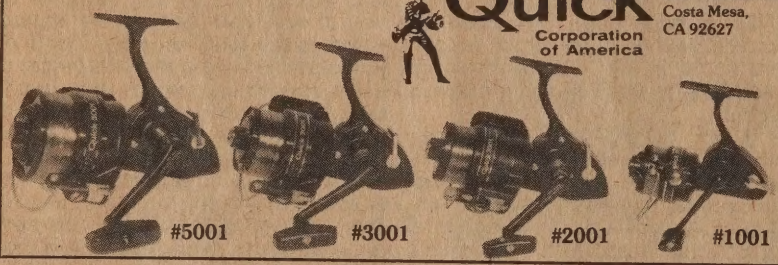

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pre-cooked corn in the can around their boats as additional enticement when fishing is tough. Others throw oatmeal, rice, uncooked spaghetti, etc.

**Catching technique:** When flounder bite, don't jerk your line abruptly. Gently lift your rod tip. Flounder, for the most part, will delicately bite down on your bait as you begin to reel in and they continue to pull with their soft, rubbery mouths. Bounce your sinker frequently to attract the fish.

**Flounder:** These fish do not rest completely against the bottom as some people think. Actually, they support themselves slightly off the bottom on their curved bodies even though they sometimes partly bury themselves. This position allows them a quick take-off after their prey. The flounder's top and rear fins may be used for crawling either forward or backward slowly above the bottom by wave-like movements. In actual swimming in open water off the bottom, they use their pectoral and tail fins.

Flounder in the Great South Bay will vary in weight between three-quarters to two-and-a-half pounds. The average size is about three-quarters of a pound. Two pound fish are considered giants.

**Weather and tides:** When the wind is out of the east and blowing down the bay, flounder fishing is poor owing to the amount of sediment which is stirred up. If you fish on these days, fish in the lee of such islands as West and East Fire Island, Sexton Island, Grass Island, Cedar Island, Captree, Oak and Thatch Islands, or up in the backwater country of Oak Beach Lead or south end of Babylon Cut.

I have usually found the outgoing tidal flow to be best for flounder fishing in areas with considerable current such as that found in the State Boat Channel, Snake Hill Channel or West Channel. When tide is low, it is also possible to fish in deeper parts of these channels and catch fish.

When tide is incoming I fish closer to banks in fast moving channels. Oftentimes with incoming water, fish will move into areas which they stay away from during the outgoing tide.

Don't neglect to drift for flounder when the current isn't too swift. Oftentimes in your drift you will stumble upon the perfect mussel or clam bed and begin to catch fish like there is no tomorrow.

If you have trouble holding over a desirable and productive spot, throw out a stern anchor and eliminate the swinging motion.

Dress warm. Get yourself some mussels, worms and clams and go after these fighting fish. Don't be caught with only one type of bait if you are desperate. Chum, pound the bottom and make the moves prescribed. Employ light tackle. Your desperation will soon be removed and your taste buds will delight in eating these flatfish.

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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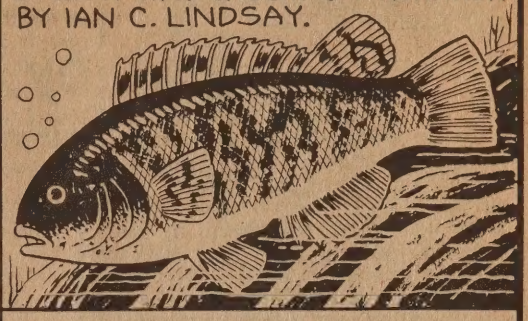

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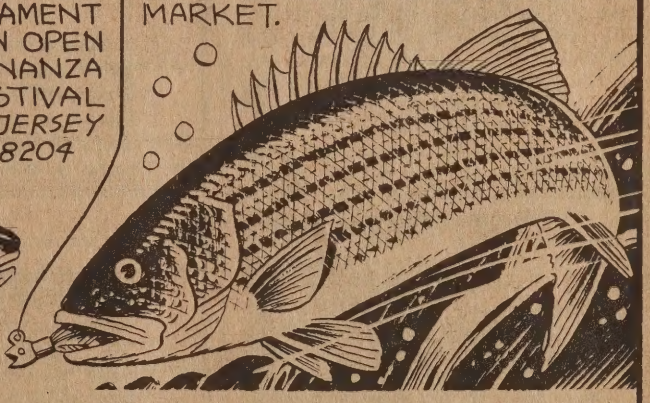

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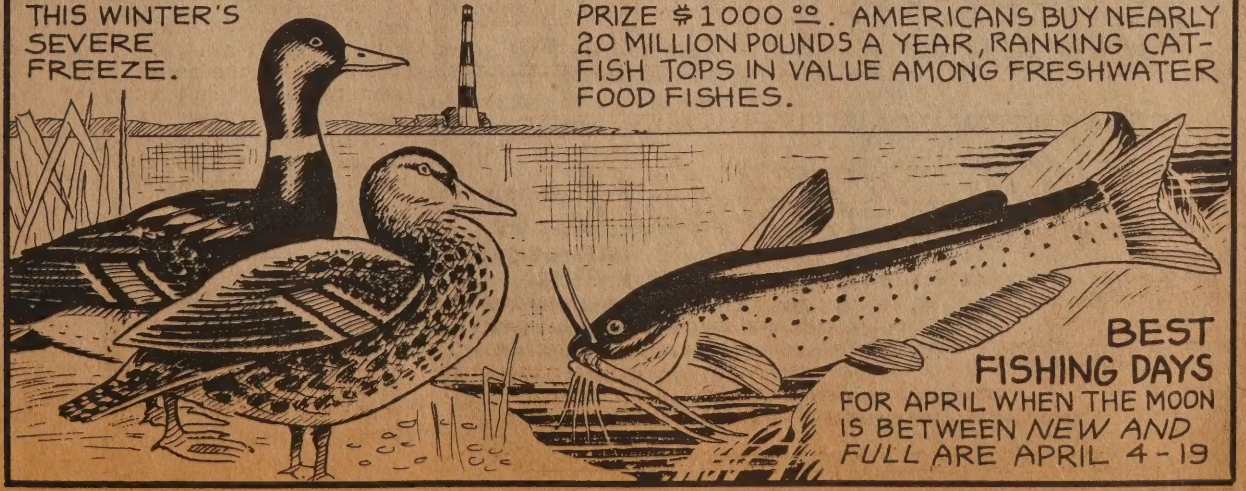


**BEST FISHING DAYS** FOR APRIL WHEN THE MOON IS BETWEEN *NEW AND FULL* ARE APRIL 4 - 19

# Practical Leader System

## by Pete Barrett

In recent weeks there has been an increase in letters to The Fisherman asking about knots, leaders and terminal tackle. At the recent salt-water fishing courses hosted by Vic Galgano and me, there was also a lopsided interest in the basic leader system we use at the end of nearly every rod and reel. Since the interest seems to be there, it must be time to cover leaders and knots again.

The very end of your fishing line takes a lot of abuse. It must withstand the stretching and friction as the lure is cast. Fish scrape the line against rocks, sand bars and the sides of a boat. The terminal end of the line can get nicked by a gaff point, the side of a net and even the gill covers of a fish like striped bass. Because the end of the line takes so much abuse, it is helpful to add a stronger piece of line at the very end of the main fishing line so you do not lose fish and lures because of snapped line.

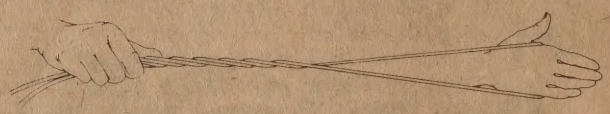
To add a leader system, we must first consider a few things about monofilament line. Every knot except the Bimini Twist will weaken monofilament, and it is difficult to join two lines of greatly different diameters without weakening the smaller diameter line significantly.

Before we can simply add on a piece of heavier line as a tougher leader to the end of our fishing line, we first have to prepare the end of that line to accept the heavier line. You can accomplish this by adding a Bimini Twist to the end of your line. The diagram shows how to tie it and the result is a loop of about two to six feet in length. The Bimini has not weakened the line at all and the double line formed by the knot is twice the strength of the main fishing line.

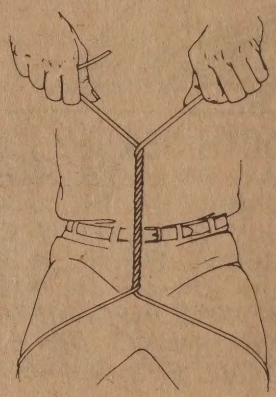
We can now use a simple knot called a surgeon's knot to add a piece of heavier leader to the end of the Bimini. Usually, it is best to add a line that is twice the pound test rating of the main fishing line. If you were using twelve pound line on the reel, add a twenty pound leader. If your main line was eight pound test, add a length of fifteen for the leader.

The surgeon's knot is admittedly a weak knot consistently testing out at about seventy to eighty percent of the strength of the unknotted line. Remember though, we have doubled the end of the line with the Bimini, so even a knot of seventy percent of the line strength is still stronger than the

## BIMINI TWIST

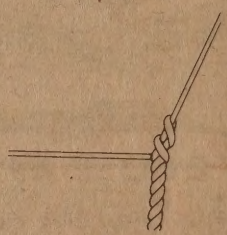


1. Measure a little more than twice the footage you'll want for the double-line leader. Bring end back to standing line and hold together. Rotate end of loop 20 times, putting twists in it.

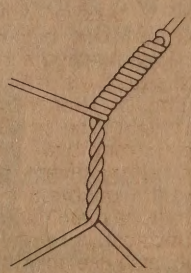


2. Spread loop to force twists together about 10" below tag end. Step both feet through loop and bring it up around knees so pressure can be places on column of twists by spreading knees apart.

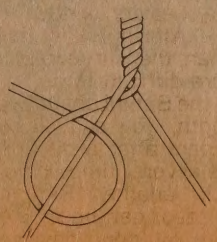
3. With twists forced tightly together, hold standing line in one hand with tension just slightly off the vertical position. With other hand, move tag end to position at right angle to twists. Keeping tension on loop with knees, gradually ease tesion of tag end so it will roll over the column of twists, beginning just below the upper twist.

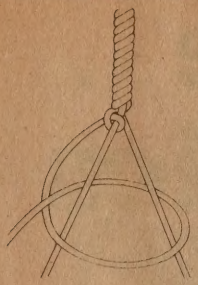


4. Spread legs apart slowly to maintaion pressure on loop. Steer tag end into a tight spiral coil as it continues to roll over twistvd line.

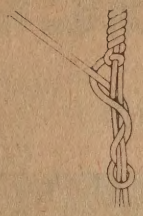


5. When spiral of tag end has rolled over column of twists, continue keeping knee pressure on loop and move hand which has held standing line down to grasp knot. Place finger in crotch of line where loop joins knot to prevent slippage of last turn. Take half-hitch with tag end around nearest leg of loop and pull up tight.

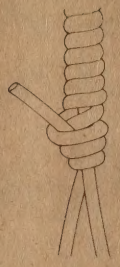




6. With half-hitch holding knot, release knee pressure but keep loop stretched out tight. Using remaining tag end, take half-hitch around both legs of loop, but do not pull tight.



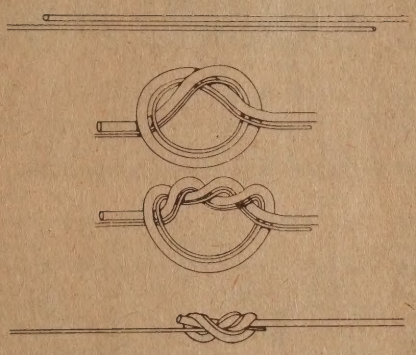
7. Make two more turns with the tag end around both legs of the loop, winding inside the bend of line formed by the loose half-hitch and toward the main knot. Pull tag end slowly, forcing the three loops to gather in a spiral.



8. When loops are pulled up neatly against main knot, tighted to lock knot in place. Trim tag end about ¼" from knot.

These directions apply to tying double-line leaders of around five feet or less. For longer double-line sections, two people may be required to hold the line and make initial twists.

## SURGEON'S KNOT



1. Lay line and leader parallel, over lapping 6" to 8".

2. Treating the two like a single line, tie an overhand knot, pulling the entire leader through the loop.

3. Leaving loop of the overhand open, pull both tag end of line and leader through again.

4.Hold both lines and both ends to pull knot tight. Clip ends close to avoid foul-up in rod guides.

main fishing line which has been doubled.

Let's say we used a twelve pound test line as the main line. By adding the Bimini Twist we add a double line which has a pound test rating of twice the main line, or twenty-four pound test. Even though the surgeon's knot reduces the strength of the twenty-four pound test by seventy percent to 16.8 lb. test, the double line is still far stronger than the main fishing lines of twelve pound test.

You could also use an Albright knot to add the heavier leader to the Bimini. The Albright knot is much stronger than the surgeon's, but is also far more difficult to tie.

If you tie the Bimini about two to six feet in length, you can cut off the heavier leaders after a day's fishing and do this several times before you have to tie another Bimini. The double line keeps getting shorter after each cut, but you don't have to re-tie until there is literally no double line left.

This leader system is so basic to fishing, that I've often wondered why more fishermen don't use it. We hear tales of anglers losing a dozen diamond jigs in a day, or casting off lure after lure while jetty fishing, losing nearly an entire jetty bag full of lures because of snapped lines. I know it happens and yet it shouldn't happen if the leader system we just described was used. If you lose more than an occasional lure, perhaps a lure every other trip, something is wrong.

This leader system is easy to tie and can be used for most any casting, jigging or chumming fishing situation. You can use it for jetty fishing, small boat light tackle, Peconic Bay weakfish, fluke fishing, chumming bonito, casting Rebels in the surf and for virtually any fishing method. Wire line trolling and offshore trolling are the only two fishing disciplines that use a different system of leaders.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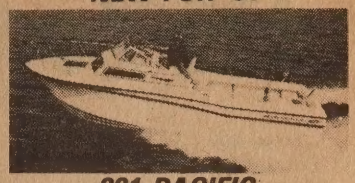

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# North Shore "Flattie" Tactics

## by Don Avondolio

As the seasons change from winter to spring, there is a special excitement exhibited by fishermen, especially those who are trying to escape from a case of the winter doldrums. Anticipating the change of weather, these fishermen welcome the start of flounder fishing—the flatties being one of the earliest sought after spring species. Primarily, flounder fishing settles the cabin fever syndrome, and secondly, the thought of fresh, succulent flounder fillets motivates even the most casual fisherman to "take to the waters."

My own North Shore spring flounder trips have taught me several lessons, many of which have been accumulated by consistent, conscientious, note-taking during my frequent outings. Data relative to time, tides, bait availability, tackle, and locations really help organize future trips. I am certain that every serious flounder fisherman realizes that each particular area is fished slightly different. Knowledge pertaining to bottom structure, current flow, and natural bait availability will greatly influence the technique of fishing each area. Again, by consistently fishing a particular area we can amass an enormous amount of information mostly gained by trial-and-error. I will try to pass some of this information on to the reader for future reference.

As early flounder fishing really starts in the protected bays, coves, and harbors, the areas marked "E" on my map are to be fished first. This is the period mid-March to mid-April. The outside deeper water warms at a slower pace than the inside areas. Thus, as the weather warms, the flounders move from shallow to deeper water to feed. It's been my experience that during this latter period, most of the larger flatties are caught. One to two pound-plus fish are not uncommon at this time, although they are not as plentiful as the smaller fish. The real large fish are caught with heavy chumming and larger baits. The "later" areas to be fished are marked with "L" on the map. Through the period beginning late April to late May, I fish the "L" spots unless an unusually lengthy cold spring persists. As a guide, you can read the latest reports from The Long Island Fisherman and local newspaper reports for the hotspots. Tackle shop owners are also a source of up-to-date information pertaining

"Tin boats" are a common sight at North Shore launching ramps during flounder season.

Exposed mussel beds are a prime source for gathering chum and bait.

to the latest popular locations. Once in the water, a visual check of local party boats and other craft should reveal the general locations for fishing that particular day.

When spots are discovered, we can concentrate on chumming—a deadly technique for attracting flounder to the boat. I cannot stress enough the importance of chumming for positive results. It has always amazed me to see boat fishermen fishing for flounders without initiating a chumming operation. This is comparable to "finding a needle in a haystack." By utilizing a chum pot (they are sold in most tackle shops) we can draw flounder a good distance from our boat. The container should be filled with fresh mussels (slightly cracked), frozen cat food, clam parts, etc., and lowered to a particular point. The point should be where initial current flow acts to disperse the contents close to our bottom rigs. By spreading corn kernels under the boat bottom, flounders will be attracted to the area, also reinforcing the chumming process. The small yellow kernel has been compared to a small yellow portion of a sea clam which is extremely attractive to the flounder. An additional aid to attracting flounder to our boat is with heat shrinkable tubing. White or yellow tubing can be shrunk over your sinkers. In fact, a small quarter-inch long piece of tubing can be attached slightly above the hook shank. This appearance is similar to the corn kernel. The heat shrink tubing is obtainable from R&R Tackle Helper, P.O. Box 1127, Selden, New York 11784, for a nominal price.

As for bait, I prefer the North Shore sandworm and the fatter and juicier the better. A half-inch length is cut and snaked onto the hook with a small portion left to dangle. Another excellent bait is the bank mussel: the larger sizes produce larger fish. The mussel must be cut and kneaded around the hook for retention. Some of the largest flounder caught are "suckers" for this bait, especially when used in large pieces. Clams rate third as bait, but are not to be overlooked, especially when dyed red or yellow (using food coloring). My favorite gimmick for determining which bait is best at the time of fishing is as follows: use a three-hook bottom rig and use each of the three popular baits, one on each hook. Once initial catches are made, the more popular bait will be evident. You might be surprised how the bait popularity varies from trip to trip.

Tackle should lean toward the light side, with our reel loaded with six to ten pound test monofilament. The lighter, thinner line size will not only penetrate water depth better, but lessen the sinker weight requirement to hold bottom while anchored. This principle allows the slightest 'nibble' to be felt. As for the bottom rig, there are many sold on the market, and all are good. I prefer a three-way swivel attached to a sinker by a monofilament loop knot. The swivel, in turn, is connected as follows: one eye is attached to the working line and the other to two or three tandem tied snelled hooks; size eight or ten Chestertown hooks will suffice. Whether an individual selects a spin reel, or conventional star drag type reel is not important, and either type will do. The critical part of tackle is the rod. It must detect the slightest movement caused by the feeding flounder, otherwise a prospective catch might be lost. A six to seven foot long rod with a light sensitive tip fits the requirement. The newer graphite material rods are ideal as "super detectors" for nibbling flounder. Although detection is important, a gentle lift frequently will catch the cautious feeders. By this, I mean an ever so slow lift of the rod one to two feet off the bottom every ten or twelve seconds. Then lower the rig back to the bottom. This somehow suggests that flounder hate to lose a "meal on the move."

Recapping our fishing technique for flatties: first find a muddy, or sandy bottom structure, preferably ten to

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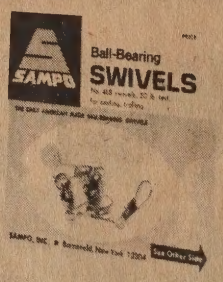


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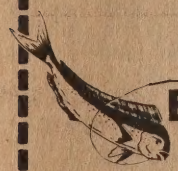

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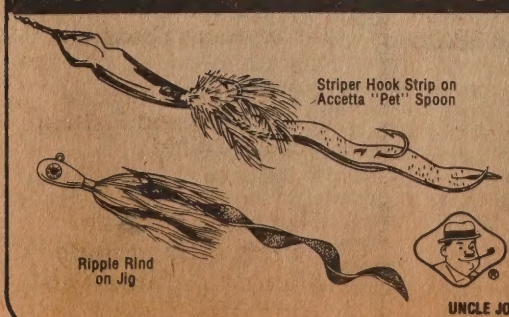


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twenty feet deep in the outside or Sound areas; or three to nine feet deep inside the bay areas. A depth finder is an invaluable tool for this purpose. Look for a distinctive rise or fall in bottom structure (a shoal dropping off to a hole) as ideal flounder habitat. As a tip, I have always preferred an early morning trip, just at sunrise. The idea of being the first boat on the water and catching early feeders supports my philosophy. Once anchored, chum heavily at first, and then reduce the feeding after five or ten minutes. Don't over-chum: it's expensive, decreases fishing time and often works in reverse by feeding the flounders away from your baited rig. After initial chumming, lower your bottom rig and lift at intervals as mentioned previously. One excellent method to arouse stubborn feeders is to pound or disturb the bottom near your rig. Use a heavy sash weight, a cluster of ten ounce sinkers, or the chum bucket itself. Move it up and down vigorously for a few seconds and though it may be tiresome, you should be into fish almost immediately. This method of attraction must be executed frequently for best results. If action is still slow, try chumming again and if results are nil after fifteen to twenty minutes, move to another spot 200' to 300' away and start the procedure again.

Remember, tidal changes will move flounder to different areas; so compensate for this movement. Fish a running tide and move at slack periods. Note the exact tide change at your particular area and record it for future trips. Try to anticipate potential feeding areas such as a nearby estuary outflow during the high water change-over to the ebb. Catch the eddies to the right and left of the outflow. Stay away from direct, heavy water flow. Another area commonly favored by flatties are mussel beds. These can be observed near shore line areas at low tide. Most beds will extend deep under the water away from the shore. Characteristic sightings of mussel beds, potential bait flow paths, muddy, or sandy bottom plateaus will increase fishing success when found and fished prudently.

Assuming that we have caught an adequate quantity of fresh fish and have kept them on ice or in a cool burlap bag, we now can prepare some nice fillets. Incidentally, a common misconception is preserving dead flounder in a pail of cold water. This should be avoided! The water only acts as a softener on the fillets, aids decomposition, and could spoil the taste. So, don't ruin a good fishing trip by forgetting to keep your catch cool and fresh.

Give this spring fishing a try and maybe after you've caught several flounder, enough for a few nice meals, you'll agree with me that "Spring couldn't have come soon enough!"

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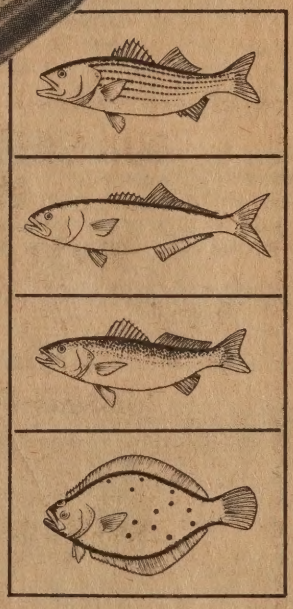

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# A BETTER MARKER BUOY

## *by Ken Gerhardt*

How many times have we all said, "Damn, I wish I had a buoy." It could be you're over a pod of fluke, or cod, or weakies or whatever, but if you don't have a buoy you can't keep track of the fish. Most of us wrap some mono around a bleach jug, tie a 6 oz. sinker on it and let it go at that. Sometimes they work, and sometimes they give you horrendous tangles.

The buoy(s) that we're going to make is almost tangle-free, automatic in operation and has high visibility. We'll make an inshore and offshore version. Both are similar in construction, so we'll detail the inshore buoy with notes on the offshore.

**Photo 1: Material needed is as follows—1 net float (6" long), a 12" piece of 3/4" dowel, an 8" piece of 1" aluminum tubing; some braided nylon or dacron line, some yellow paint and a large snap swivel.**

**Photo 2: Lay out pencil lines around the float 1/2" each side of center line. There's usually a ridge which makes this easy. Apply vinyl or masking tape to the outside of these lines.**

**Photo 3: With a hand saw or hacksaw, carefully cut into the float on an angle towards the center on both sides. Flip out triangular chunk when you're finished. It should look something like Photo 3.**

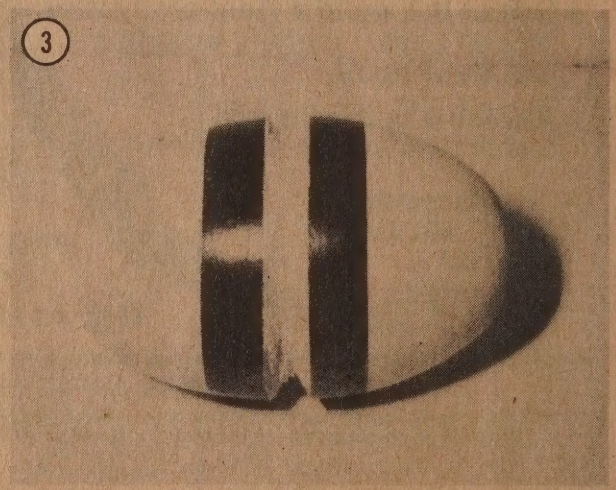
**Photo 4: Cut a piece of aluminum tubing about 8" long. Crimp 1" in a vise. Drill 1/4" hole in crimped section. Fill halfway with molten lead, as this is our "anchor."**

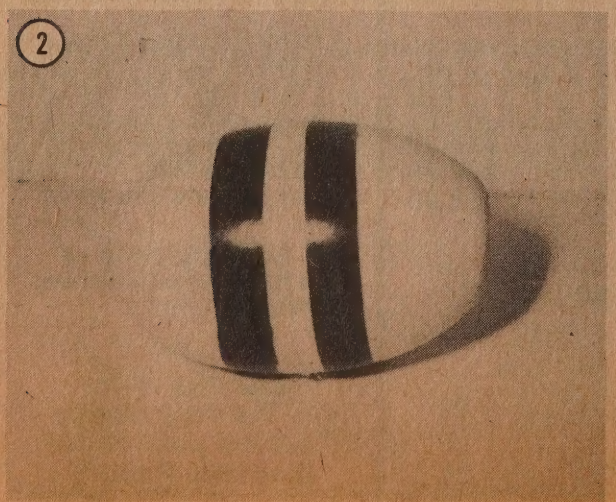
**Photo 5: Insert dowel into float leaving 4" on bottom side of float. This is inserted into the top half of our anchor, neatly storing it for future use.**

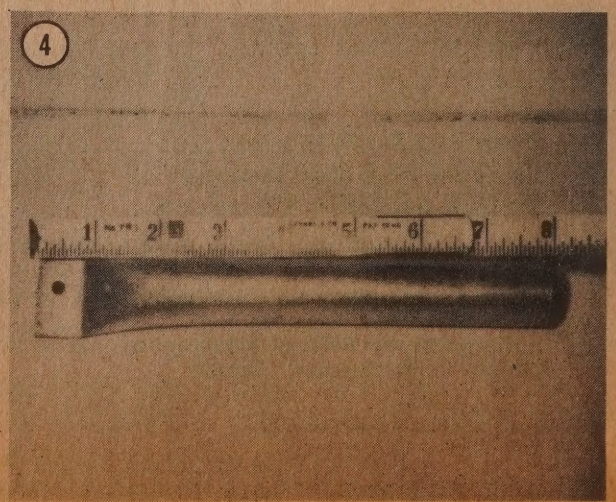
**Photo 6: Wind 25' or 30' of braided line on the float and tie a large snap swivel on the end. Run the snap through the 1/4" hole and, presto—our float is finished.**

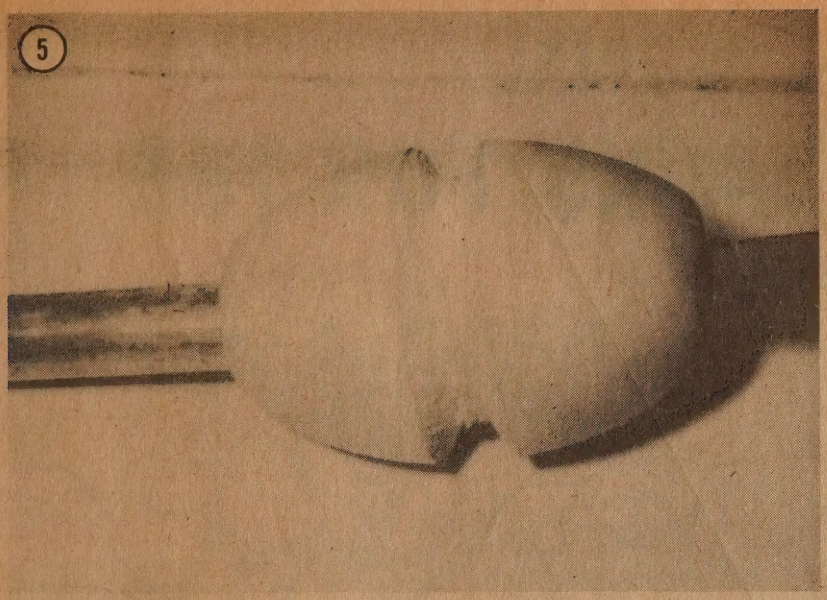
**Photo 7: If one wants a larger float for offshore work, obtain a lobster pot float. Some dealers handle orange colored floats. If you can get one of these, it does away with painting. Proceed with the above-mentioned steps to make the larger buoy. Put 50' more line than the depth you intend to fish on the buoy.**

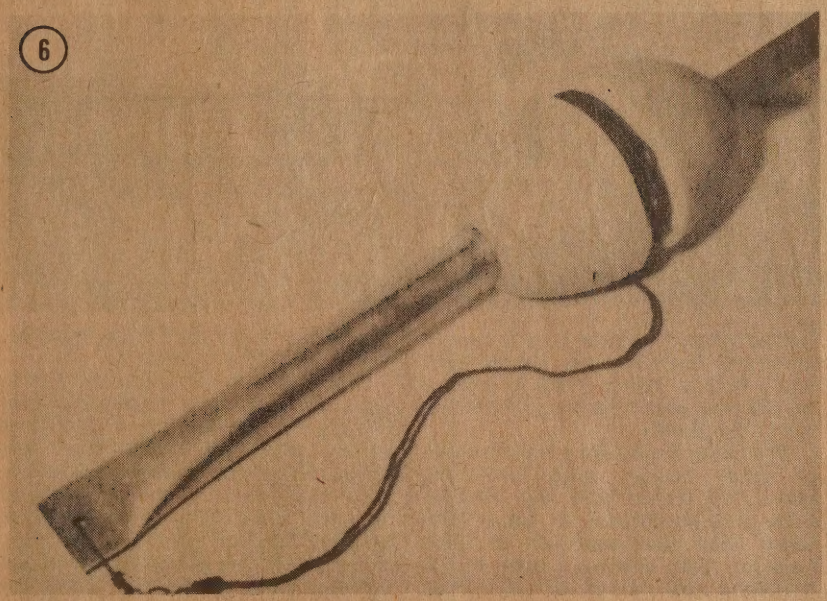
**To finish either buoy if white, dip in a can of yellow paint or spray with fluorescent orange or yellow. Paint the dowel red for easy identification and you're all set.**

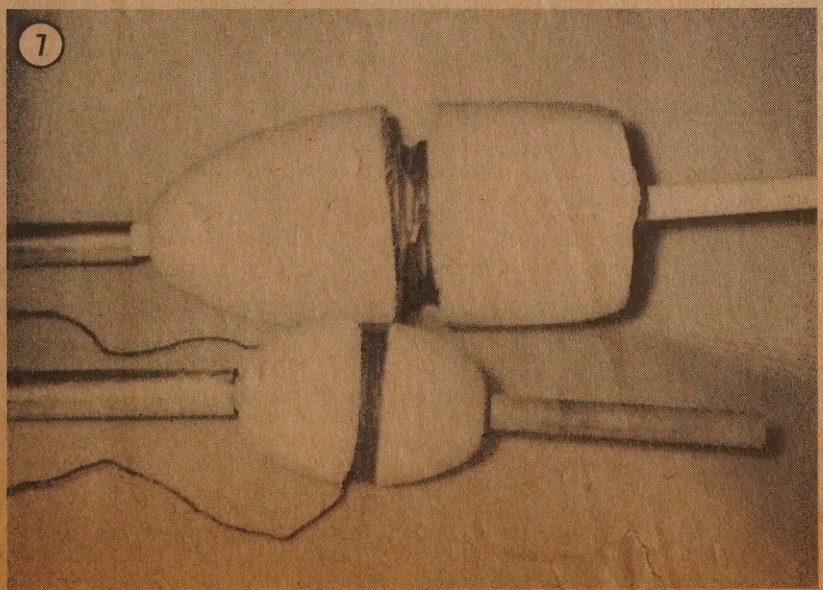




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*by Al Ristori*

At the very time that local shores are being buffeted by chilly spring winds, and anglers are still waiting for the first signs of life in the surf, there is an area just a few hours south of us which provides outstanding spring variety fishing. Whether your bag is surfcasting, bay fishing, big game, or even largemouth bass—the Outer Banks has it all.

Though the Outer Banks of North Carolina are within a day's drive from any point in the reading area, there is a world of difference in the climate. The Gulf Stream sweeps in to within about eighteen miles of Cape Hatteras (its closest proximity to shore north of Southeast Florida) and has a strong moderating influence on the weather. It's even mild in mid-winter along the Outer Banks, except when those frigid northwesters blow through. By April the temperatures are usually quite pleasant, though windy weather is a very common problem on the Outer Banks at any time.

There are springs when red-hot bluefishing starts in March, but your best bet is to wait for April before making this trip. Especially with the Easter vacation period being so late this year, the chances of hitting good fishing during a family excursion to the Outer Banks are very good. Bluefishing can be wild during April, though that may not be the greatest attraction for area anglers with a full season of bluefishing ahead of them. On the other hand, it's a rare event indeed when a channel bass is caught north of the Virginia Capes—but you'll find no better place to catch a big channel bass from the surf than on the Outer Banks.

The Outer Banks are a broken chain of sandy barrier reefs stretching about 175 miles from the Virginia state line southward to Cape Hatteras, then southwestward to Cape Lookout, then westward back to the mainland near Morehead City. They are broken by five inlets (sometimes more when new inlets are cut by storms) and vary in width from a few hundred yards to more than two miles.

Vehicle access is pretty reasonable, especially in the spring. Few Yankee visitors are interested in the northerly section, but you can obtain information about beach access by writing to the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, Box 90, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 (916-261-2626). The Cape Hatteras National Seashore stretches from South Nags Head to the southern end of Ocracoke Island. North Carolina Highway #12 runs along the beach, bridging Oregon Inlet to Hatteras Island, and is connected to Ocracoke Island by free ferry. Certain portions of the Seashore beach are closed to vehicles due to erosion. However, most sections are open to vehicles either year-round or off-season. Use of Park Service ramps is required, and there is no permit or fee. For current regulations, contact the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Office, Manteo, NC 27954 (919-473-2113).

The islands from Ocracoke Inlet to Beaufort Inlet near Morehead City include Portsmouth Island and Core Banks, which are within the Cape Lookout National Seashore. Shackleford Banks is to be eventually included. Everything about the Cape Lookout National Seashore area is up in the air. Preservationists have been trying to close off the area to the few vehicles that presently use it, and the Department of the Interior seemed set to do just that last year—despite the objections of the State of North Carolina. However, there appears to be a different attitude in Interior under the new Administration and things look considerably brighter for the surfcaster who wants to get into virtually unfished areas. For the latest regulations, contact the Park Service office in Beaufort, NC 28516 (919-728-2121).

Access to the lower Outer Banks (Cape Lookout National Seashore) at the present time is limited to private boats and airplanes, plus the commercial ferries which carry both passengers and beach vehicles daily from the mainland communities of Atlantic (to Core Banks, north of New Drum Inlet) and Davis (to Core Banks, south of New Drum Inlet). Vehicles must meet any state inspection requirements, and free park permits (obtainable from ferry concessionaires) are required. Rates are around

$60 per vehicle for a round trip. You may rent rough cabins on the Core Banks for about $5 per night per person, but reservations are a must for this very limited space. Bait and other supplies are sold, and a truck delivers fishermen to the beach to be picked up later in the day. Primitive camping is permitted except near the lighthouse. You must bring your own food and drinking water. Any fires must be built below the high tide mark. Operators are: Morris Marina, Box 162, Atlantic, NC (919-225-4261); Alger Willis, Box 234, Davis, NC 28524 (919-729-2791); and Carlie Willis, Box 112, Davis, NC 28524 (919-729-3806).

From Harkers Island there is passenger ferry service to Cape Lookout and Shackleford Banks from spring through fall at Grayson's Motel and at Calico Jack's Marina. Fees range to $8 per person, round trip. There is beach transportation service from the lighthouse to the Cape point for about $3 per day.

While a trip to the remote, and often spectacular, surf fisheries of the Core Banks constitutes a rugged adventure, you'll have both plenty of company and all the comforts of home around Hatteras. The most popular spot is Cape Point, and it is well populated both day and night. Waves come crashing in on the Point from two directions, and with the lighthouse located just north of there, it's quite a beautiful sight. It's such a short walk from the road in Buxton, that it's not absolutely necessary to have a beach buggy to fish Cape Point. However, I wouldn't advise trying to tug many fish back with you over the sands!

Daytime fishing during the early spring can be quite spotty. Relatively small blues and fluke (simply called "flounder" throughout the South) are often abundant, but big blues only hit the beach from time to time—if at all. Weakfish have become more plentiful recently, and you're also likely to run into croakers and "whiting." To add to the confusion, the fish Southerners refer to as "whiting" is not the silver hake which Northerners invariably call whiting. Rather, it's the king whiting, which we have converted to kingfish. If you want to get some wild rumors started, just use the kingfish monicker in referring to your surf catch and you'll have the locals adding wire leaders to their terminal tackle. A kingfish from Virginia South is the speedy, offshore game fish more properly known as the king mackerel—a rare catch in the surf, but a frequent visitor to the piers which extend just beyond the outer bars.

The Outer Banks surf plays host to many exotic species during the year, but few of these arrive during the spring. By May you could run into little tunny (false albacore) or even a jack crevalle. However, Spanish mackerel and pompano won't show until the summer months. Neverthe-

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Author with a channel bass caught from the Pamlico Sound sod banks.

**Peggy Arrington rejoices over a fine bluefish from the Hatteras surf on a foggy morning.**

less, when it comes to catching big fish from the surf (except for sharks), the periods of April to May and October to December are the prime times on the Outer Banks.

Channel bass are basically nocturnal fish, and that's the time when serious surfcasters seek them out. There's little spectacular about this fishing, as it involves nothing more than soaking a bait on bottom. Channel bass are powerful fighters capable of ripping off great quantities of line and resisting capture for long periods. Most anglers rate them far above the striped bass in fighting ability and endurance—and almost all caught at night in the Outer Banks surf are big. An average adult should weigh from thirty-five to forty-five pounds, and specimens of over fifty pounds are quite common. From an eating standpoint, they leave something to be desired. While small channel bass are excellent eating fish, the big fish tend to be tough and suitable only for chowder. That's probably just as well, because they have little commercial value and are often released. The North Carolina Saltwater Fishing Tournament offers citations for releases of channel bass that measure at least forty-six inches from the nose to the tip of the tail.

For those not familiar with the fish, the channel bass is not a bass at all. It actually belongs to the family **Sciaenidae**, which includes such species as the weakfish, croaker, and black drum. On the mainland side of Pamlico Sound, North Carolinians refer to large channel bass as old drum, and the common name in Florida and along the Gulf Coast is redfish. The IGFA has accepted red drum as the correct common name, and the scientific name is **Sciaenops ocellata** (Linnaeus, 1766). Unlike the closely related black drum, the channel bass has a more elongated body and no chin barbels. The overall coppery coloration is punctuated by a large black spot on either side of the caudal peduncle, just before the tail fin. Some specimens have more than one spot. Though it is noted as being a fast growing species, the large red drum found in the surf are considered to be very old fish and conservation is encouraged. Only two channel bass over thirty-two inches may be kept each day, and veteran anglers keep only trophy fish.

While light surfcasting equipment is quite suitable for most daytime fishing, anglers seeking channel bass use specialized gear. In order to produce with some measure of consistency, it's necessary to make long casts with a heavy sinker and a large bait (usually cut fish). In order to do that, you'll need heavy-duty rods of eleven feet or more with conventional or large spinning reels carrying at least 300 yards of twenty to thirty pound test line. Waders are a must while the water is still a little chilly in the spring. If you want to get away from the crowd at Cape Point, it's a good idea to take the free ferry over to Ocracoke.

While the experienced surfcaster with a buggy will soon get the hang of things, the novice shouldn't be ashamed to seek help. The best idea is to take advantage of the guiding services offered in this area. The guides provide a vehicle, fuel, the correct tackle, and bait—and put you in the right spot at the right time (God willing!). Rates range from $110 to $150 per day for a party of up to three or four. Half days are less. I've fished this area with Ken Lauer (also a writer and broadcaster) several times, and can highly recommend his Outer Banks Safaris, P.O. Box 99, Buxton, NC 27920 (919-995-5183). Guides can also be arranged for at Buxton through the Red Drum Tackle Shop, P.O. Box 98, Buxton, NC 27920 (919-995-5414). At Ocracoke, contact David Nagel (919-928-5351). Further north at Nags Head, there are quite a few guiding services. Among these (all Area Code 919) are Outer Banks Surf Guides (441-5013); Outer Banks Fishing Unlimited (441-5028); Bob Preston (441-7374); Outer Banks Fish Finders (441-6990); and Vern Berg (261-2454).

One of the particular advantages of employing a guide on your first trip is that you can learn the area without having to suffer through a tough trip in order to do it. Even if you come down completely, and properly, equipped, you may strike out if you don't have the ability to cast the heavy and unfamiliar terminal gear far enough to reach a channel bass. The guides will do that for you if you desire. Beach buggies can be rented on the Outer Banks, but you'll probably find that the cost of guiding service is only slightly higher.

One unusual means of shore fishing for channel bass requires the availability of a small boat. As the "old drum" move into Pamlico Sound in

the spring, some anglers from the mainland pile loads of gear into their outboards and run out to various sod bank islands. Baits are cast into the slightly deeper waters off these islands, and the fishermen wait for their quarry to wander by.

I tried this fishing on my first trip to North Carolina, and was amazed to find my hosts embarking with about forty rods and reels—varying from insignificant looking bay rods to 11½' surf sticks. They literally carried just about everything they owned or could borrow. All of the rods were equipped with fish finder rigs, baited with a chunk of squid, and cast as far as possible. Except for the size of the hook and bait, we could just as well have been fishing for flounders from similar sod banks on Long Island or the Jersey coast.

This fishing sounds rather sedentary; but we actually were working most of the time. The forty rods had to be tended continuously, as crabs would eat the bait in short order. This fishing is only possible in the spring, as even more crabs and an influx of small fish makes it impossible to keep baits out in the summer. No schools came our way, as is sometimes the case, but we got several isolated hits and caught a few channel bass in the forty pound class. One of them hit a rig fished close to the sod bank on a short boat rod with an action that would normally classify it as a flounder rod! This fishing lacked the romance of the high surf, but it certainly was an effective way to catch a big channel bass in full daylight. Unfortunately, the word I've received is that this technique has not been very effective in recent years.

There are plenty of motels along the Outer Banks, and prices are quite low before the summer season begins. Some are modern facilities in all ways; while others simply provide the basic comforts—but no TV. Though you won't find anything in the gourmet class, there are several good restaurants. For a list of motels and realtors who rent cottages, write to the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 90, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.

The shore-bound angler can get some more inexpensive fishing in by taking advantage of one of the numerous piers along the Outer Banks. By getting out beyond the outer bars, the angler often increases his chances with channel bass, and is a lot better off in the pursuit of big kingfish with live bait. Of course, the majority of the catch from these piers consists of small blues and various bottom species: such as sheepshead, spot, croakers, weakfish, and "whiting" (our surf kingfish—also called sea mullet in this area). Pier fishing fees run around $2, and tackle can be rented. All of the piers have tackle shops, some food service, and plenty of bait. The ninety pound world record channel bass was caught from the Hatteras Island Pier in Rodanthe, but this fishing is actually best in November and early December.

For the angler who likes to fish from shore, North Carolina's Outer Banks offer all he can ask for. Best of all, the finest fishing occurs in the spring and late fall, when rates are low and there isn't too much doing in our own back yard. Getting there by car is easy. Take the New Jersey Turnpike to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. Then follow Rt. 13 south to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge/Tunnel. After the colorful ride across the bay, stay on Rt. 13 until you come to Interstate 64 east. Follow that to Rt. 168 south, until it branches off into Rt. 158 south. Soon after you come into historic Kitty Hawk, you'll pick up the single road (N.C. 12) going down the Outer Banks. An alternate way of starting the trip is to take the Garden State Parkway and the Cape May/Lewes Ferry across Delaware Bay. That's somewhat shorter, but will take longer. Either way, if you leave home early in the morning, you can be fishing at Hatteras in the evening.

Next week we'll cover the boat fishing opportunities on the Outer Banks from largemouth bass in Currituck Sound to blue marlin in the Gulf Stream.


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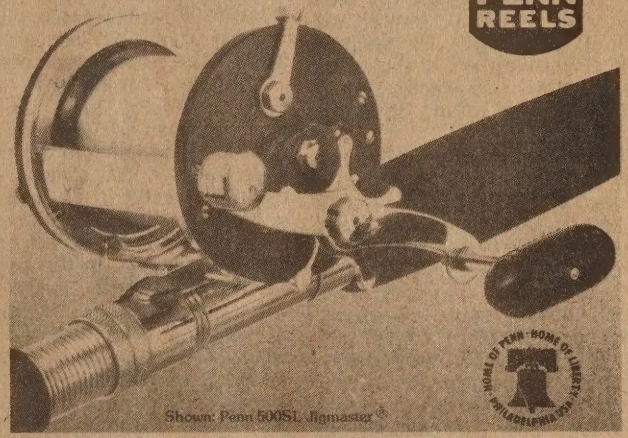

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Henry Hankle and son of Lindenhurst fishing on Capt Fred Faro's Clean Sweep bagged up with 350 lbs. of cod working Cartwright over the weekend. Fish ran up to 40 lbs.

Capt Richie Rade of the **Marlin Fleet** reports that both of his boats had solid catches of cod Saturday and Sunday to the tune of roughly 170 fish per boat per day, along with some 5 to 10 lb. pollack mixed in. One cod was in the 35 to 40 lb. range. Action was all on bait at Cartwright. Richie says the water is warming and the catches are getting better. The **Marlin IV** will begin its every day sailing schedule on April 4th.

Capt Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** tells us that Tuesday and Wednesday saw good pollack catches on jigs and tubes along with good catches of cod. Pollack ran from 25 to 35 lbs., cod ran between 12 and 20 lbs. Some pollack on Saturday were taken along with big hake on a wreck. Saturday's cod were 40 in number and ran from 12 to 40 lbs. Fifteen pollack came over the rail in the 15 to 20 lb. range and 60 hake were hung, going up to 60 lbs. The boat sailed big crowds on the weekend. Fishing was very good Saturday but fell off on Sunday due to the high winds. Your best bet would be to fish the **Viking Fleet** Monday through Friday when the pressure is less on the fish from private boats and less crowding in general, usually results in bigger individual catches.

Capt Phil Lewis of the **Adios** called to say that he will be splashing in this week with flounder, cod and pollack in mind. See ad for details.

# SOUTH FORK
## ★ BEST BET ★
## FLOUNDER

## SHINNECOCK

Capt Clark Bellows of the **Capt Clark II** wishes to inform his customers that he will be starting the season at his new location at the bridge on Shinnecock Canal on a daily basis this Friday, April 3rd. He will be fishing flounders in Jamesport on western Peconic Bay around Robins Island. Reports from locals that already have started, are excellent and indicitive of a good season.

Mickey Altenkirch of **Altenkirch Bait & Tackle** tells us that the flounders remain good in the Canal though things are not as red hots as they were a few weeks ago. One customer came in Saturday with 44 good fish. Another customer weighed in a 1 lb. 14 oz. specimen. Mickey says the fish are in the bay now and catches are decent. Mussel, clam and worm are all working. He reminds you to fish the Shinnecock Blocks only when they are closed for best results. Keepers are running from ½ to ¾ lb. average. There are a lot of midgets around and the keeper ratio this past week has been 50-50.

## MORICHES BAY

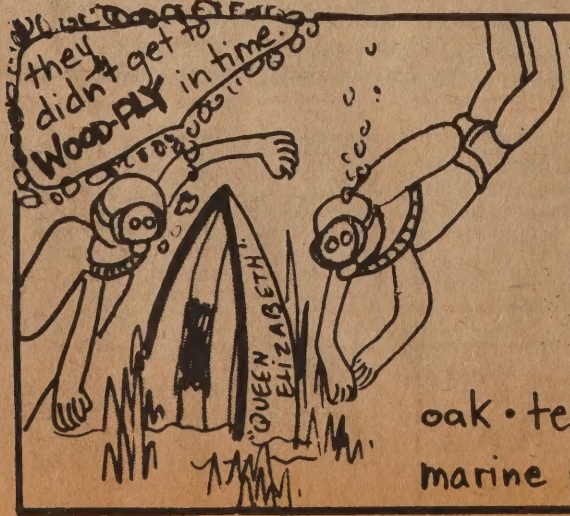
Al of the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** said that despite Sunday's wind fishing was good, with catches of 65 to 70 fish per boat not unusual. Most fish are in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. range, with worms, clams and mussels all effective. Chum helps. Best fishing is still down in the buoy 44-45 area. Action out front (buoy 30) is just beginning with less fish, but bigger fish.

From **Tadsen's Fishing Station** Ben reported pretty good action on Saturday with Sunday's wind resulting in reduced catches. Best spots have been buoy 44 and Forge River, with worm bait and mussel chum being the best combination. Ben expects it will be another week or two before the fishing out front is in full swing.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** said of Saturday's fishing that most boats returned with 50-60 keepers. One of the better catches was made by Matt and John Viol and Sal Bracco of The Bronx, who totaled 136 flatties fishing north of buoy 42 with bloodworms and mussel chum. They mixed corn with their mussel chum. Sunday's fishing was off a bit due to the wind. However, some boats still managed 40 to 50 fish in the same buoy 42 area. A few good catches made at the "ace in the hole." Jim emphasized that chumming is very, very important if anglers wish to do well.

John at **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** reported rentals have just a short run to the fishing grounds, which have been buoys 44 and 45. Individual catches per angler have been averaging around the 20 fish mark. Paul Baldassano and Steve Pazar returned with 40 nice keepers on Saturday which they took on the last of the flood using worms and clams. John Too emphasized the need for chumming. Some good catches were made on Sunday also, with a lot of fish in the 1 lb. class and some to 2 lbs. being taken.

The word from **Silly Lily Fishing Station** was of good overall action. Of the weekend, Saturday had the edge over windy Sunday. Catches vary anywhere from 25 to 100 fish per boat with a lot of fish in the 1-2 lb. class in evidence. Best fishing remains down in the buoy 42 to 45 area, with worms, mussels and clams all effective. Mussel chum is a definite asset. Fishing the buoy 44 area on Saturday, Bel Haros, James Baroutis, John Lambrakos and Mike Papazaharias,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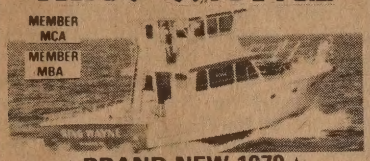

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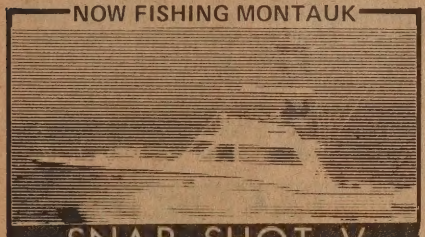

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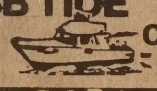

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## MASTIC BEACH

Harry of **Capt. Andy's Fishing Station** reported good fishing continues in the area. A super catch was made by two anglers known only as Jim and Ed on Saturday. The pair fished buoy 17 with worms and clam chum and totaled 160 flatties. Fishing was a little tougher in Sunday's wind, but most boats still averaged catches in the 50 to 60 fish range in the same buoy 17 area.

**Stiriz' Fishing Station** reported some very fine flounder action at buoy 12 and also at the Shellfish buoy on the west side of the bridge. Al, Chris and Robert Formisora took over 150 flatties up to 1¾ lbs. High hook for the week was Fred Stuart and Harold Benson, who combined to load their skiff with 221 flatties up to 2 lbs. 1 oz. Best fishing has been on incoming tide with moving water necessary for good fishing. The Station flounder contest begins this week. Rod and reel prizes will be awarded at the end of the flounder season for the largest catches and the largest fish.

## WEST SAYVILLE

Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** reported that fishing over the weekend was close by in the East Bay. Things are now in full operation with plenty of bait on hand and boats and motors ready to go. On Saturday, George and Pat Sparacio returned with 20 nice flounder up to 1½ lbs., which they took on sand worms and mussel chum at Cherry Grove. On Sunday, Tony Mazulo checked back with a catch of 20 fish also. He fished buoys 28 and 29.

## OAKDALE

Dave of **J&R Sport Center** reported decent flounder fishing off of Heckscher Park and East Islip on worms, clams and mussels. Chumming is essential for making better catches. Dave looked over several trout up to 16'' which came from Bubbles Falls and Rattlesnake Creek on the Connetquot River this week. They are all geared up for the opening of trout season and for fly rod enthusiasts planning to fish the Connetquot, J&R has a huge selection of hand-tied flies and streamers.

Pete Jackits, aboard his center console Mako, teamed with Steve Iannella and Rich Fitzsimmons on Wednesday of last week and fished the buoy 2 area off of East Islip, Anchoring up in 12' of water, the trio combined for 76 big flatties with nearly all of the fish in the 1 lb. class and the largest going 2½ lbs. They chummed heavily with mussels and clam bellies and stirred the bottom with a plunger as well. The hotspot was in twelve feet of water.

## EAST ISLIP

Irene from **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 28 nice flounder made at Heckscher on clams and worms by John Clarke and Joe Gonzalez. Ron Rossi, Len Cavaluzzi and Lou Liebetruth returned to the shop with a catch of 85 flounder up to 2 lbs. taken on worms and mussels. They also had one tommy cod in their catch. Dan and John, both of Islip fished buoy 2 off of East Islip and took nearly 50 flatties up to 1½ lbs. All this action occurred over the weekend, Irene reminded that the shop is running a Flounder Derby from April 20 to May 4. Fish must be weighed at the store and pre-registration is required. There is no fee. First prize will be a custom built rod, while the second place winner will receive a reel.

## BAY SHORE

Carl of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** reported a catch of 60 flounder up to 1½ lbs. made by Dr. Braunstein of Bay Shore on Saturday. Fishing was done in ten feet of water northwest of buoy 4. Sand worms and dyed clams both took fish. The best action seems to be on the Bay Shore and Heckscher flats according to Carl, with worms and clams both effective and mussel chum a great asset.

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## CAPTREE

The charter boat **Lady Ann** fished the East Bay on both Saturday and Sunday with fair results. Most fishing was done off of Patchogue, with Saturday's catch totaling approximately 75 flounder, while on Sunday the catch after an excellent late afternoon drop off of Ocean Beach resulted in 60 fish, totaled in the 100 fish range.

Captain Speedy Hubert reported that most boats ran east off of Patchogue and Cherry Grove over the weekend, with most catches averaging 8 to 15 fish per man. High hook aboard the **Speedy VII** on Saturday had 36 fish. The skipper asked us to remind customers that the **Speedy VI** will begin a half-day sailing schedule this week. Trips will be from 7AM to Noon and again, from 1PM to 5PM. Clams, worms and mussels have all been effective according to the skipper and the fish seem to bite best on the flood.

Captain Richie of the open boat **Captain Leitch IV** decided to make one last drop off of Ocean Beach Sunday afternoon. That final drop resulted in 75 more fish coming aboard in just a half hour's time. Other boats joined in to round out what had otherwise been a rather poor day. In general fishing has been fair to good with action ranging from off of Bay Shore east to Sayville and Patchogue. Of Saturday's fishing, the skipper said that most fares managed 10 to 12 keepers apiece.

Captain Dan Juettner of the open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported fair fishing on Saturday with some anglers managing 15 to 18 flatties. On Sunday, fishing took a downturn, although some anglers aboard did manage a dozen fish. Fishing both days was done to the east off of Sayville and while quantity was not that great, there were a lot of fish in the 1 to 1½ lb. class taken. Clams, mussels and worms have all been effective, with the flood tide producing a little better than the ebb.

The charter boat **Blue Albatross II** made its first trip of the season on Sunday. Fishing Point O'Woods and Range Channel, action was good in the AM, but became picky in the afternoon. The skipper had to make a lot of drops, with each drop producing some fish. Dave Olsen of Deer Park headed the charter.

## BABYLON

Bill of the **Babylon Fishing Station** has everything ready to go for the season. He had several boats out late last week and over the weekend. All returned with nice catches of flatties, fishing off of Good Sam and in the Babylon Cut. Mussels, clams and worms all effective. Mussel chum ensures doing a good job on the flatties. One angler fishing alone returned to the station with 26 big flatties. All were in the 3/4 to 1 lb.

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## NATIONAL SCENE:

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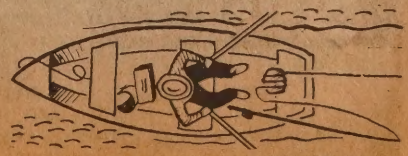
extremely rare in this area, they are very common in the tropics. Individuals and small groups of adults are easily spotted from airplanes (you'll almost invariably see them as you fly into Club Pacifico de Panama on Coiba Island), and I once saw a school of hundreds of baby mantas jumping off Salinas, Ecuador.

Adult mantas are often ten feet across, and they make a noise like a cannon shot when they leap clear of the water and hit the water in a bellywhopper. Scientists have speculated that they do this to stun small baitfish which can then be eaten at their leisure. However, the manta hardly deserves the name 'devilfish,' as he's a perfectly inoffensive creature who feeds on plankton and very small fish. As apparently occurred in the incident just related, they do occasionally blunder into an anchor line which gets caught in their "horns." Tropical fishermen usually carry a machete aboard to cut the line should this happen.

Thanks again to John Szokoli for sharing this interesting clipping with us. It serves to illustrate that you never know what you may run into when fishing off the Jersey Coast! If any other readers have similar interesting historical data, I'd certainly appreciate the opportunity to see it.



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8 oz., with most of the fish over a pound.

At **Augie's Bait and Tackle**, Ralph reported that flounder are being taken in many different areas and everyone seems to be doing a pretty fair job on the fish. Babylon Tuna Club member Bob Schwartz aboard his Pride's Pup, returned with 17 flatties up to 1 lb. 2 oz. on Sunday. He fished the Amityville Cut. Also on Sunday, Harry Kirschner and Charlie Z kept just 15 fish on the Good Samaritan grounds aboard the C & C. It was the size of the fish, though, that made the catch notable. All were between 1¼ and 1¾ lbs. On Saturday, Mike Moretti aboard his Great Escape totaled 30 flatties up to 1 lb. 6 oz. off of Good Sam. Bill Miller of the Gannet ran east to Heckscher to put away 29 nice flatties.

## LINDENHURST

From the newly opened **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle Shop**, Mike reports good flounder action on worms and clams with the most productive spot being off of Good Samaritan Hospital. Chumming helps On Sunday, Jim Sheehan weighed in a 1 lb. 8 oz. flattie that he took casting from the Robert Moses pier. He used worms.

From **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** John spoke of a very good showing of flounder off of the sewer plant, Good Samaritan Hospital, Copiague Hole and the State Channel. Clams, worms and mussels all producing and chumming definitely helps. Fish range anywhere from 1/2 to 1½ lbs.

## AMITYVILLE

**George Combs Bait and Tackle** reported good flounder fishing, with lots of flatties up to 1½ lbs. being taken at West Island, Squaw Island, Ft. Neck Point and in the Four Corners area. Clams and worms are both taking fish and mussel chum is important. Best action this past weekend was in water ranging from 7' to 8' in depth.

## SEAFORD

Sal at **Custom Tackle** called to

report that Don and Jerry from the Canterbury Fishing Club worked Massapequa Cove at the grass nets Sunday and totaled 60 keepers out of 90 fish caught, 10 of which flounders were in the 2 lb. class. Mussels worked best, followed by a blood worm. Chumming is a must with either mussels or corn with the flooding tide being prime. Also, little George of Seaford fished the 3rd Wantagh Bridge on the SE side and after culing out the midgets, ended up with 50 keepers from 1 to 2 lbs. on blood worms and heavy mussel and corn chumming. This was also on incoming.

From **Pop's Fishing Station** John reported that everyone caught fish this past weekend, although Saturday's action had the edge over Sunday's fishing. Massapequa Cove, Ft. Neck Point and most spots east of the Wantagh bridges produced good catches of flatties on clams and worms with chum being an important factor. One of the better catches of the weekend was made by a Mr. Fiesta of Brooklyn who returned to the station with 78 nice flounder on Saturday.

Speaking from **Captain Eddie's Fishing Station** Art Wright said that the best action has been concentrated in Massapequa Cove, with most boats returning with one to two, five gallon pails full of flounder. The biggest flattie Art weighed in over the weekend checked in at 2 lbs. 3 oz. Mussels and worms have both been effective, while chumming with clam or mussels ensures good catches. Over the weekend, Bob Billings had 45 fish to 2 lbs. while a Mr. Frohme and a friend, both from Glendale, combined for 65 flatties to 2 lbs.

Captain Brian of the open boat **Chinco**, reported good flounder on worms and clams with catches of 20 fish per man not unusual. Best fishing has been on incoming tide with a good showing of 1 to 2 lb. fish included in the catches. The skipper reminded that mussels which have been the most effective bait, are provided by the boat.

## BELLMORE

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** had 13 flounders in one hour fishing blood worms along with mussel and clam chum at the Bent Pole (which is not longer bent). These were all keepers averaging 1 lb. and meaty. Best was the last half of the flood and Scott employed corn rigs. He says that all of Merrick Bay has been doing nicely.

## MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** says that the fishing in Merrick Bay for flounders has been simply outstanding this past week and weekend. Dr. Al Davis of Bellmore picked up 45 good keepers fishing just a short way from the end of the marina dock. Two rental skiffs on the weekend fishing in the channel near the poles had over 150 keeper flounders each. Broad


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## BALDWIN

Jack at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** tells of great flounder fishing off Boces one and two poles out. Also producing were Baldwin Harbor, Scow Creek and the Golf Course off Parsonage Creek. Jack says an 18" flounder was brought in by one skiff customer. All boats caught well, with Saturday being the best day of all. Worm and clam bait did the job with chumming a big assist.


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The **Capt Al** tells of fantastic 3 days of flounder fishing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday was excellent said the skipper with Scotty Hoggaw and his nephew Stu Fraser visiting from Scotland, keeping 30 out of 65 flounder caught. Fish were caught on Friday up to 3 lbs. and Al says this is probably the best flounder day he's had in 20 years. Nineteen fares had approximately 400 keepers fishing the Squaw Island area. Saturday's body count was 300 flounders for 24 people. Regular Roosevelt Rodgers accounted for 32 keepers Saturday and he returned Sunday to bag 30 more. Everyone had fish Saturday which was another excellent day. Sunday was still good but fares had to work a little harder with best being at slack so that they could cope with the grass. Lots of fish around says Al. These were 3 solid good days.

Capt Paul Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** reports good catches of flounder. Lillian Dolfowski had 28 keepers up to 1¾ lbs. on Saturday's morning trip. She returned for the afternoon trip with her son and they accounted for 18 more keepers. The pool fish hit 2½ lbs. on the morning trip. Pools have been averaging 2 lbs. with a lot of close contenders. The ¾ day trip has been averaging 15 to 18 keepers a man and the half-day trips averaging 10 to 12 a man. Mussel on the hook has been best. Starting Saturday the boat will be starting its schedule of sailing everyday. See ad for details.

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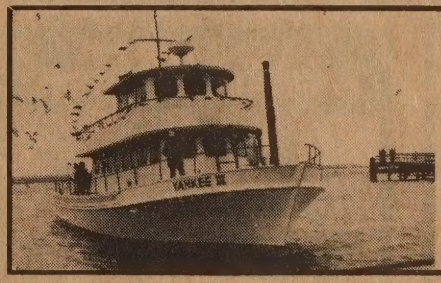

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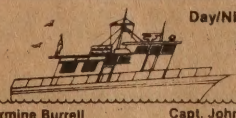

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The **Capt Lou III** tells of good fishing that his customers had on the weekend. Fish were good size up to a hefty 2 lbs. Mike says this is definitely going to be an excellent season, and that all fish were keepers except for about a dozen midgets on Monday. He plans to do a lot of scouting during the week so look for a super weekend. Mike will be starting up his half-day boat the **Capt Lou IV** on Saturday April 4th with Capt Doug Aries doing the honors.

Capt Billy Lindroth of the **Capt Bill** on Saturday's half-day trip in the morning had Charlie Payne of Babylon high hook with 12 keepers Other fares on the trip had 6 to 12 fish. Saturday afternoon's trip was off due to erratic tides. Sunday morning's trip was off again due to the tides but the afternoon trip offered good fishing in the early afternoon. The action is local and most of the fish are from ½ to 1½ lbs. Bill ran the **Capt Al** on Tuesday and tells us that Harry Stammers of Hempstead had 20 keepers. On Wednesday Dr. Stan Wernick of Roslyn had 25 flatties while John Jutsin had 18. Thursday's catches averaged 12 to 25 keepers a man.

**Anthony's Fishing Station** tells us that all the skiffs they sent out on the weekend enjoyed good catches with the boats going around into Merrick Bay. They fished clam and blood worm and took keepers from ½ to 1½ lbs. Fred Mulcahley and friend had 30 keepers without using any chum at all. One customer took 80 keepers in a 2 day period fishing Ned's Creek last week.


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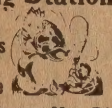

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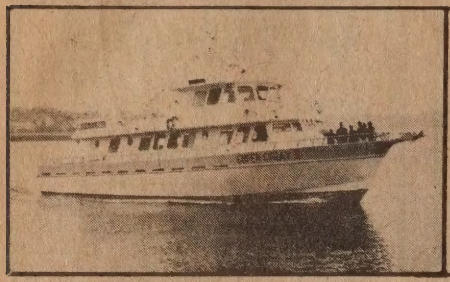

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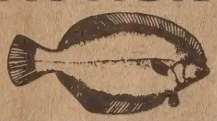

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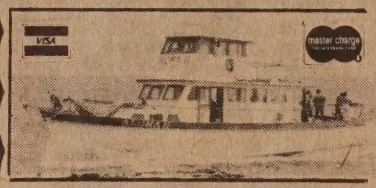


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Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** tells us that from Wednesday on flounder pounding was fantastic for his rentals. Fish are fat and there are lots of them. Friday, Saturday and Sunday were very good. The flood was best for those fishing the bay and the ebb was best in the channels. Catches ranged from 20 to 30 keepers a man, fish running from ¾ to 1½ lbs. Blood worms on the hook and a working chum pot was important. The fish are hungry and spread all around. Some fair codfishing for three large private boats, each getting 6 cod fishing between 95 and 110' of water between Jones and Fire Island Inlets. Cod ran from 8 to 30 lbs.

## ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** said mostly all anglers did well on the weekend for flounders fishing Wreck Lead, Shaffers Creek and Cinder Creek and also off the East Rockaway Pier. Blood worms and mussels as hook bait work best but sand worms did a job also. Chumming was a big factor. Both moving tides produced well, with fish going from ½ to 1½ lbs.

## ATLANTIC BEACH

Al at **Reynold's Reef Fishing Station** tells of good flounder catches this past week and weekend, particularly at Duck Point and off the Magnolia Ave. Pier. Tom and Bob King took fish from 1 to 1½ lbs. at the Magnolia Pier. The Atlantic Beach Bridge has only been fair thus far. Worm and mussel bait has been working best on both tides. Some cod in 105 to 120' of water due south. No mackerel news yet.

## LONG BEACH

Bernie Haag of **Long Beach Sports Marina** said that the marina's rental skiffs have been returning with some very good flounder catches. All have been fishing behind Duck Point with worms and mussel chum. Joe Prevratil of Long Island City and Steve Patach of Brooklyn returned with 35 flatties with the largest a hefty 2½ lbs. Frank Borninghous, Gary Panuccio and Tony Boeninghnous totaled 60 flatties up to nearly 2 lbs. Jack Trincer his brother Mike and Joe Bonano finished up with 60 flounder including a whopper of 3 lbs. on the marina scale. All these catches were made over the weekend. On Saturday, John Rosen fished the Pt. Lookout town beach at high water slack and totaled 22 nice flounder on worms. Bernie asked us to let people know that the marina is now an official Sports Afield weigh station.

## EAST ROCKAWAY

Very good flounder fishing reports **Skippy's Bait & Tackle**, with fish spread all around. Hottest areas this week have been Swift Creek, Nums Creek, Duck Point, Bay Park and Pearsall's Hassock. Some customers had up to 42 keepers. Lots of undersized fish mixed in. The larger fish are in the Shoals due to the warming water. Sand worms and mussels have been best. Fish are running up to 1½ lbs. averaging ¾ to 1 lbs. Mackerel 80 to 90 miles to the south which should move in as the water temp increases. Skippy has nightcrawlers for trout which opened Wednesday.

## JAMAICA BAY

**Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** reports a lot of flounders being caught off both the bridges. Tony De Rosa scored with two 2 lb. flounders plus 13 others on worm/mussel combos fishing the ebb on the North Channel Bridge Saturday. Another customer came in, showing off 52 keepers. Both tides have been working.

## SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Navesink flounders have been excellent, said Capt Butch of the **Zephyr**. Best action was all around the slack and there was quantity and size for all customers. Fish ran from 1 to 2¼ lbs. to the tune of 20 to 50 keepers a man, including kids. Sand worms worked best. On Saturday a 10 yr. girl had 43 keepers. Mussels worked very well also and action was steady. Butch says the fish are moving around, being caught all through the tide. There is so much action that on Saturday he went through 8 flats of worms and 5 bushels of mussels. A lot of people that fished with him Saturday returned Sunday because the action was so red hot.

Capt Tom of the **Elsie K III** also reported super flounder fishing in his favorite Jersey haunts both Saturday and Sunday. Saturdays high hook was 40 keepers, catches averaging 10 to 40 a man. Sunday's high hook was 50 keepers, catches averaging 10 to 50 a man. Fish ran up to 2 lbs. with mussels catching best. Big crowds showed up and all caught. Tom said he must have had 1500 fish on Sunday with only about 5 percent being midgets. The rest ran from 1 to 1½ lbs. He fished Sandy Hook Bay and the Key.

**Mike's Tackle** concurrs that the hottest item out is the super flounder action that the Sheepshead Bay flounder boats are having fishing Jersey, the Rockaways and also Jamaica Bay behind the airport, with fish running from 1½ to 2 lbs. A few cod were taken a way off the beach on open bottom but whiting remains nil.

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## GREENPORT

Capt Bob Ceglowski of the **Capt Bob** called to say that the first trip of the season was sailed on Saturday with the new boat, with most fares geting 6 to 1 dozen keeper flounders a man with fish in the 1 lb. class. Stanely Phelps of the Star Refining Co. was high hook with 17 keepers up to 2 lbs. Best area was off the Oyster Factory and the Cedar Beach area. Fish hit mussels, clams and worms with equal verocity, for a very good day for all aboard.

**AP White Bait Shop** tells us that the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** will begin flounder pounding on April 1st. Art says that lots of private boats are picking a few midgets but mostly fat keeper fish from 1 to 1½ lbs. Best areas this week have been East Marion, Cedar Beach and the Ferry. All caught, though catches could not be classified as spectacular yet.

## SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** had boats out Saturday and Sunday and says that flounders are generally all over the bay with productive spots this week being Roses Grove, west of Jessups, Cedar Beach Point, the Monastery, South Ferry, Smith Cove, Bixiedon, Conklin Point, Greenport breakwater, Great Pond, the Oyster Factory and the windmills at East Marion. The larger fish are running 1 to 1¾ lbs., hitting mussel and worm bait. Chumming is a must. Action is on both tides and most of the fish are keepers.

## NEW SUFFOLK

Sal at **Capt Marty's Fishing Station** tells of lots of rough water over the weekend once Saturday morning passed. Saturday morning's fishing was good on flounder but then the tide went crazy and catches became picky from that point on. Saturday morning some boats caught from 30 to 50 keeper fish and generally up to 2 or 3 o'clock catches were very good. High hook boat Sunday was 46 flatties up to 2 lbs. Best action was South

Race and the Roses Grove area on sand worms, mussels and mussel chum. Generally speaking Sunday was not that good due to the windy conditions.

## NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** reports that old time customer Bill Fales along with Paul Panek and son took 46 keeper flounders out of Noyac Creek Saturday. Smith's Cove has also produced well. Fish are going from ¾ to 1 lb. hitting bloods with mussel chum a necessity, both tides. The station's opening day officially is this Saturday, April 4th.

## SAG HARBOR

Capt Artie of the **Wilhelric II** asked us to remind you that April 3rd will kick off his 1981 season. He says from all reports it looks like an outstanding flounder season coming up. Shinnecock is having great catches in the traps per old trap fisherman Ed Warner, as are the draggers at Mattituck. The boat will be offering a special multiple trip discount booklet which will be sold on the boat. Call the Capt about that one.

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** tells us that good flounder catches are starting in Northwest Creek and in Sag Harbor Cove. Catches are being made from both boats or from the bridge in Sag or off the bulkhead in Northwest Creek. Fish are running ¾ to 1½ lbs. with top of the flood being best. Mussels, worms and clam all do the job with different baits working better at different times of the day. Some very good catches have been made this week. Ken Danielson, Jay Babcock, Charlie Brown and Glen Paul had over 30 flounders a pound and over on Saturday in just 3 hours.

## THREE MILE HARBOR

Bunnie Cox at **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station** reports that the flounder action is fantastic. Ralph and Pete Brawley of Levittown decked 63 flatties from 1 to 1¾ lbs. on clam and mussel bait along with heavy mussel chum. Bunnie reminds you that reservations are a must for boats, particularly on weekends. Both tides are working, she says, and the FISH ARE HERE.

## PECONICS

Hetty Creek in the Shinnecock area is a solid bet advises Thomm at **Speck's Bait & Tackle**, from either boat or beach. Aside from the throwbacks, keepers are running from ¾ to 1¼ lbs. around the mussel beds on sand worm and mussel bait. Not much info from Shinnecock Bay, but the canal continues to produce on a somewhat steady basis. The Peconics have improved, particularly Towd Point and Mill Creek in Noyac Bay for the flatties. Three Mile Harbor, Cherry Harbor and Great Pond area

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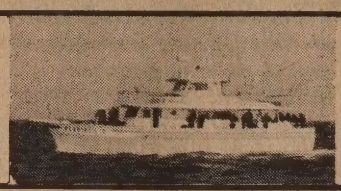

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## MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph of **Ralph's Fishing Station** reported he had a few boats out on Saturday fishing inside of the harbor, they took a fair number of flatties in the 1/2 to 1 lb. class on worms. Casters working from the beach in front of the station also enjoyed some decent flattie action. Ralph said that he expects to have 10 or 12 boats ready to go for this coming weekend.

## PORT JEFFERSON

From **Caraftis Fishing Station**, Angelo reported that the flounder season is off to an excellent start with lots of nice sized fish being taken on both the east and west sides of Pt. Jeff Harbor. Two anglers on Sunday returned to the station with 85 keepers, while another duo totaled 36 fish in the 3/4 to 1½ lb. class. Both boats fished worms and mussels for bait and chum ed with mussels.

## KINGS PARK

Bob at **O.K. Bait and Tackle**, spoke of good flounder action in the river. On Saturday, Don Long, Roger O'Rourke, Ed Luberd and 'Maverick'' returned with 40 keepers up to 1½ lbs. which they took on worms and mussel chum. They also returned many small fish. On Sunday, all the boats did well fishing the same spots inside the river. Bob added that there have been some decent flurries of bass action down at Lilco in recent weeks.

## NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman spoke of good flounder action in both Northport and Centerport Harbors. Sand worms combined with mussel or clam chum have been accounting for the best catches. Duck Island Harbor and off of the Vanderbilt Museum have been two of the hotspots. In addition, the

town dock has been getting a big play and casters have been doing well with fish of improved size. Down at the power plant, quite a few bass in the 3-4 lb. class are being taken on Tri-Fin Whiptails, small bucktails and Rebels. Rumors of an occasional 20 emanating from the area also.

## HUNTINGTON

Capt Packy of the **Ever Ready** called to say that his fares had many flounders on the weekend of which roughly 50 percent were keepers. Fish averaged ¾ lb. Saturday's pool winner Jim Gilmore won with a 1¼ pounder while high hook for the day was Bronx angler John Sarne with 52 fish caught and keeping 25 of these. Sunday's pool fish was taken by Bob Brassell of Melville with a 1¼ pounder also. Best action says Packy has been at Lloyd Harbor and off Target Rock and Diamond Point on clam, mussel and worm baits.

George Valentine speaking from his **Four Winds Bait and Tackle Shop** said there are lots of flounder in the harbor, but many are throwbacks. Keepers run 1/2 to 1 lb. Best spots have been Lloyd Harbor, Honeyman's Point, Duck Island and City Island. Worms and clams have both been effective baits, with mussel chum a must if anglers wish to score heavily. George noted that the local docks have been producing some good scores also. Bass, most averaging 3 lbs. and lots of white perch being taken at the Northport power plant, with some fish scattered along the beach at Crabmeadow. Tri-Fin Whiptails and Rebels have been the most effective artificials. Bill Schneider of Greenlawn checked in an 8 lb. striper one day last week.

## GLEN COVE

Capt Joe of the **Lady Lil II** tells us that all week saw good flounder catches. Shimonok Point was a producing spot. High hook usually was in the 40 to 50 fish range. On Saturday Monk McKenzie of Glen Cove took the pool with a 1¾ pounder. High hook Sunday was 44 keepers for Bronx angler Brent Owens.

John at **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported very good flounder action throughout the area, particularly from Prybil Beach to Davidson's. The Prybil pier has also been producing well, with fish ranging from throwbacks up to a pound in good supply. Jim Peppard and his children Marge and Mike, fishing one day during the week totaled 60 keepers in their little car-topper off of Prybil Beach. They returned on Saturday and found the fishing picky, so they moved down off of Davidson's where they culled 50 keepers out of a catch of 75 flounder. They used sand worms and clams for bait. Most of the best catches are being made by anglers who chum with either mussels, clam or corn.

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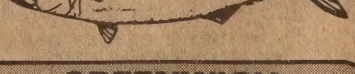


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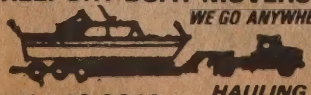

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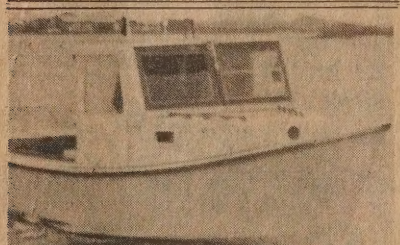

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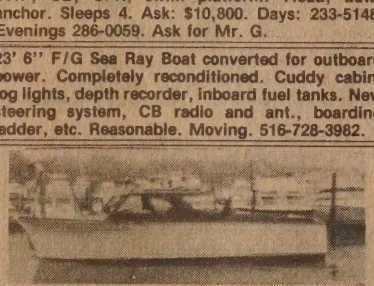

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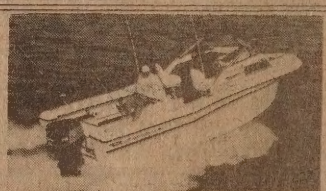

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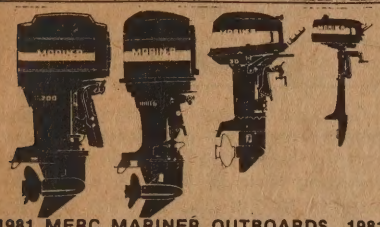

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**Jack's Bait and Tackle** reports some nice flounder activity in the area. The two best spots have been off of Rodman's Neck and Orchard Beach. On Saturday most catches averaged 25 to 35 fish per boat. Most were in the 1/2 to 1 lb. range, with sand worms being used by most everyone. Sunday was a total loss due to the wind, but casters working the Orchard Beach Lagoon continued to catch quite a few flatties.

## GREENWICH

Captain Steve Lubrano of the **Delmar** reported excellent flounder fishing over the weekend. Fares averaged 15 to 50 fish per man from one-half to one pound. Pool winners have been in the 2 lb. range, all coming from the north shore of Long Island. On Sunday Al Yanchus took home 55 keepers, while Nat Roth was right behind him with 50.

# FISH TALK:

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friends laughed heartily whenever I discussed how we used to take big weaks in Peconic Bay. Needless to say, they aren't laughing now. Many thought this was an entirely new phenomenon and indeed, to them it was. In the twenty or thirty years that passed between cycles of abundance, technology provided new tackle components that made the fishing perhaps even more enjoyable than it was for our predecessors. Yet, to accept that notion in its entirety might be foolish, too; since the fishermen of the 1930s and 1940s had their own delights in approaches that haven't clicked yet in the 1970s. Perhaps as the big fish get fewer and fewer, we will rediscover some of these old techniques and also delight in them the way our fathers did.

CHANGE IS EVIDENT! As the weakfish become fewer and fewer and bigger and bigger, they are also getting harder to catch. The survivors seem "smarter" and there is much less competition among the fish for food. What happens is that the fish get harder to fool and we take fewer. Already there have been changes. Fishermen are finding that it is harder and harder to take these big weaks in the daylight and more and more fishermen are trying at night. In fact, we plan two articles to help out with the increased difficulty of catching weaks. One article will be authored by Al Ristori who will try to give us some ideas on how to change our style to take more fish. I'll also author a feature that will basically address itself to standard techniques in the Peconics, but will also talk about how to improve the odds with the reality of declining stocks. Mooching may be one way to take more fish within this new weakfish reality.

# High Tide Tables

## How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

| DAY | SANDY HOOK AM | SANDY HOOK PM | Breakwater Harbor AM | Breakwater Harbor PM | NEW YORK AM | NEW YORK PM | NEW LONDON AM | NEW LONDON PM | WILLETS POINT AM | WILLETS POINT PM | BRIDGE-POINT AM | BRIDGE-POINT PM | NEWPORT AM | NEWPORT PM | DATE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| THUR. | 5:40 | 6:05 | 6:25 | 6:45 | 6:15 | 6:40 | 7:05 | 7:30 | 8:45 | 9:20 | 8:50 | 9:20 | 5:35 | 6:00 | 4/2 |
| FRI. | 6:30 | 6:50 | 7:10 | 7:35 | 7:00 | 7:25 | 7:55 | 8:15 | 9:45 | 10:05 | 9:45 | 10:05 | 6:20 | 6:45 | 4/3 |
| SAT. | 7:15 | 7:35 | 8:00 | 8:20 | 7:50 | 8:10 | 8:40 | 9:00 | 10:30 | 10:55 | 10:35 | 10:55 | 7:10 | 7:30 | 4/4 |
| SUN. | 8:05 | 8:25 | 8:45 | 9:05 | 8:35 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 9:50 | 11:20 | 11:40 | 11:25 | 11:40 | 8:00 | 8:20 | 4/5 |
| MON. | 8:50 | 9:10 | 9:35 | 9:55 | 9:25 | 9:50 | 10:20 | 10:40 | – | 12:15 | – | 12:10 | 8:45 | 9:10 | 4/6 |
| TUE. | 9:45 | 10:05 | 10:20 | 10:45 | 10:20 | 10:45 | 11:10 | 11:35 | 12:30 | 1:05 | 12:30 | 1:05 | 9:35 | 10:00 | 4/7 |
| WED. | 10:40 | 11:00 | 11:15 | 11:40 | 11:20 | 11:45 | – | 12:10 | 1:20 | 2:00 | 1:25 | 2:00 | 10:30 | 10:55 | 4/8 |
| THUR. | 11:35 | 11:55 | – | 12:15 | – | 12:20 | 12:30 | 1:10 | 2:15 | 3:10 | 2:20 | 3:00 | 11:25 | 11:55 | 4/9 |

## On SANDY HOOK

| | |
|---|---|
| STATEN ISLAND | +0 27 |
| ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS | –0 01 |
| Red Bank, Navesink, R.I. | +0 48 |
| Long Branch | –0 34 |
| SHARK RIVER INLET | –0 18 |
| Shark River Basin | +0 27 |
| MANASQUAN INLET | –0 12 |
| Seaside Park | –0 33 |
| Mantoloking zbridge | +5 34 |
| TOMS RIVER | +4 37 |
| Waretown | +2 33 |
| BARNEGAT LIGHT | –0 20 |
| Manahawkin Bridge | +2 33 |
| Beach Haven | +1 47 |
| LITTLE EGG INLET | –0 01 |
| Seven Islands | +0 12 |
| Graveling Point | +1 05 |
| Mullica River | +1 55 |
| Grassy Bay | +1 08 |
| ABSECON INLET | +0 14 |
| Atlantic City Pier | –0 26 |
| Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet | +0 12 |
| GREAT EGG HARBOR | +0 46 |
| CORSON INLET | +0 09 |
| TOWNESEND INLET | +0 06 |
| HEREFORD INLET | +0 02 |
| Grassy Sound Bridge | +0 45 |
| Cape May Harbor | –0 02 |
| Rehoboth Beach | –0 07 |
| INDIAN RIVER INLET | +0 14 |
| SHINNECOCK INLET | –0 50 |
| Shinnecock Bay | +1 25 |
| East Quogue | +2 45 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +1 18 |
| Indian Reservation | +3 05 |
| MORICHES INLET | –0 56 |
| Smith's Point | +3 28 |
| Harts Cove | +1 30 |
| Pontunck Point | +3 35 |
| Mastic Beach | +3 28 |
| FIRE ISLAND INLET | –0 38 |
| Democrat Point | –0 38 |
| Coast Guard Station | –0 19 |
| Fire Island Light | +0 47 |
| GREAT SOUTH BAY | |
| Sayville | +3 39 |
| Heckscher State Pk. | +3 20 |
| Bay Shore | +2 23 |
| Babylon | +2 12 |
| Amityville | +2 21 |
| JONES INLET | –0 19 |
| Zachs Bay | +1 25 |
| Seaford Harbor | +2 05 |
| Freeport Creek | +0 34 |
| E. ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 06 |
| Long Beach Bridge | +0 19 |
| ROCKAWAY INLET | –0 00 |
| Beach Ch. Bridge | +0 38 |
| JFK Airport | +0 26 |

## On BRIDGEPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Lloyd Point | +0 08 |
| Cold Spring Harbor | +0 08 |
| Bayville Bridge | +0 13 |
| Eatons Neck Point | +0 03 |
| Northport Bay | +0 03 |
| Norwalk Islands | +0 10 |
| Smithtown Bay | –0 03 |
| Cranes Neck Point | +0 05 |
| Port Jefferson Harbor | +0 03 |
| New Haven Harbor | +0 08 |
| Mount Sinai Harbor | –0 08 |
| Herod Point | –0 07 |
| Mattituck Inlet | +0 19 |
| Horton Point | –0 20 |
| Truman Beach | –0 42 |
| Falkner Island | –0 13 |
| Sachem Head | –0 10 |
| Branford Harbor | –0 07 |
| New Haven Harbor | –0 08 |
| Milford Harbor | –0 07 |
| Stratford | +0 27 |
| Shelton | +1 36 |
| Black Rock Harbor | –0 03 |
| Saugatuck River | –0 01 |
| South Norwalk | +0 10 |
| Greens Ledge | –0 01 |
| Stamford | +0 04 |
| Cos Cob Harbor | +0 06 |
| Greenwich | +0 02 |

## On NEW LONDON

| | |
|---|---|
| Orient Point | +0 27 |
| Little Gull Is. (Race) | +0 12 |
| Greenport | +1 04 |
| Southold | +1 43 |
| New Suffolk | +2 26 |
| South Jamesport | +2 32 |
| Shinnecock Canal | +2 33 |
| Noyack Bay | +2 05 |
| Sag Harbor | +0 59 |
| Gardiners Bay | +0 21 |
| Promised Land | –0 14 |
| Montauk Inlet | –0 25 |
| Montauk Point | –1 13 |
| Niantic | +1 20 |
| Stonington | –0 33 |
| Noank, Mystic River | –0 23 |
| THAMES RIVER | |
| Smith Cove | –0 01 |
| Norwich | +0 09 |
| CONNECTICUT RIVER | |
| Saybrook jetty | +1 10 |
| Lyme | +1 24 |
| Essex | +1 38 |
| East Haddam | +2 41 |
| Higganum Creek | +2 54 |

## On WILLETS PT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Little Neck Bay | –0 10 |
| Execution Light | –0 06 |
| Manhasset Bay | –0 01 |
| Hempstead Harbor | –0 11 |
| City Island | –0 03 |
| Rye Beach | –0 28 |
| Port Chester | –0 09 |
| Mamaroneck | –0 08 |
| New Rocheele | –0 24 |
| Davids Island | –0 02 |

## On B'WATER HB.

| | |
|---|---|
| CAPE MAY POINT | –0 10 |
| Miami Beach | +1 17 |
| East Point | +0 53 |
| Egg Island Point | +0 33 |
| Cape Henlopen | –0 05 |
| ROOSEVELT INLET | +0 09 |
| Mispillion River Ent. | +0 33 |
| St. Jones River Ent. | +0 57 |

## On NEW YORK

| | |
|---|---|
| Jersey City | +0 07 |
| Geo. Washington Br. | +0 46 |
| Spuyten Duyvil | +0 58 |
| Ossining | +1 53 |
| Peekskill | +2 24 |
| West Point | +3 16 |
| Newburg | +3 42 |

## On NEWPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Sakonnet | –0 10 |
| Tiverton | +0 21 |
| Beavertail Point | –0 02 |
| Prudence Is., Sandy Pt. | +0 10 |
| Bristol | +0 10 |
| Warren | +0 21 |
| Nayett Point | +0 12 |
| Pawtucket | +0 21 |
| East Greenwich | +0 16 |
| Wickford | +0 12 |
| Narragansett Pier | –0 08 |
| Point Judith Harbor | –0 07 |
| BLOCK ISLAND | |
| Great Salt Pond | +0 05 |
| Old Harbor | –0 14 |
| Watch Hill Point | +0 44 |

## Sunrise/Sunset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4/3 | 5:40 | 6:28 |
| 4/4 | 5:38 | 6:29 |
| 4/5 | 5:37 | 6:30 |
| 4/6 | 5:35 | 6:31 |
| 4/7 | 5:34 | 6:32 |
| 4/8 | 5:32 | 6:33 |
| 4/9 | 5:30 | 6:34 |

## Moonrise/Moonset

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4/3 | 5:12AM | 5:05PM |
| 4/4 | 5:47AM | 6:19PM |
| 4/5 | 6:23AM | 7:34PM |
| 4/6 | 7:00AM | 8:49PM |
| 4/7 | 7:40AM | 10:02PM |
| 4/8 | 8:25AM | 11:12PM |
| 4/9 | 9:14AM | – |

## Moon Phases

| NEW | 1st Qtr. | FULL | 2nd Qtr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4/4 | 4/11 | 4/19 | 4/27 |

The Original Knight
**SOLUNAR TABLES**
*When To Fish Or Hunt*

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

| | AM | | PM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
| Thurs. | 2:30 | **8:40** | 2:50 | **9:05** |
| Fri. | 3:20 | **9:25** | 3:35 | **9:55** |
| Sat. | 4:10 | **10:20** | 4:30 | **10:50** |
| Sun. | 5:05 | **11:20** | 5:30 | **11:40** |
| Mon. | 5:55 | — | 6:35 | **12:20** |
| Tues. | 7:05 | **12:55** | 7:35 | **1:20** |
| Wed. | 8:05 | **1:55** | 8:40 | **2:25** |
| Thurs. | 9:10 | **3:00** | 9:40 | **3:25** |

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Sealine's small parts are heftier to help make our reel last longer than Penn's.

Sealine has a smoother, more durable drag system than Penn's.

And Sealine is faster than Penn.

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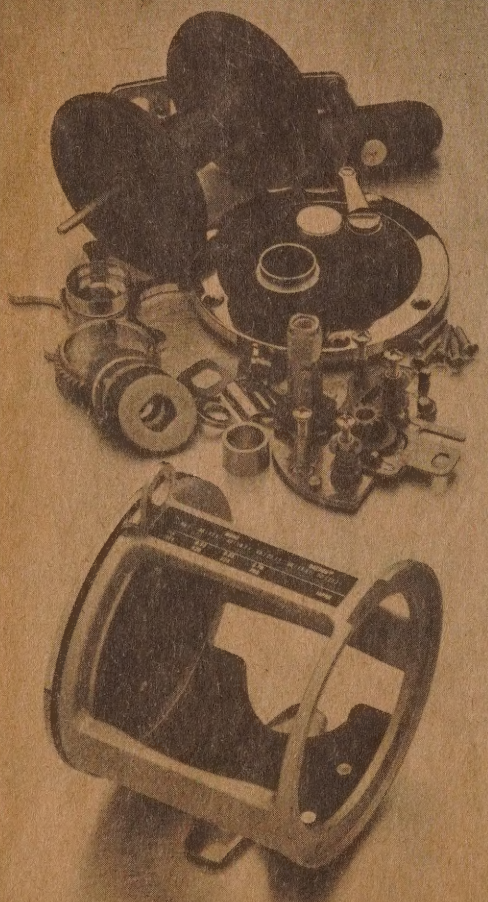
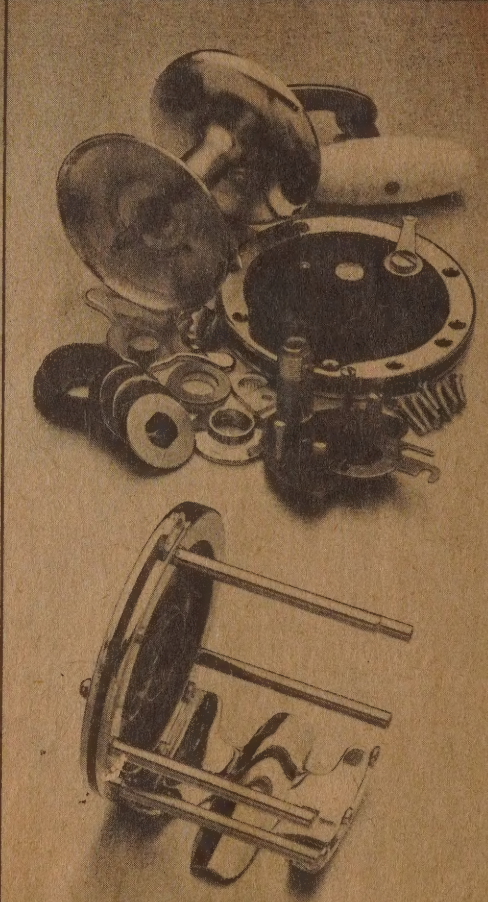


**The Daiwa Sealine 400H***

- One-piece frame.
- Anodized aluminum side plates.
- Light, anodized aluminum spool.
- Drag system shielded against saltwater.
- Large, strong drive gear.
- Adjustable power handle.
- No conversion kit needed.



**The Penn Special Senator 113H-4/0***

- Five-piece frame.
- Plastic side plates.
- Heavy, bronze spool.
- No shielding to protect drag system.
- 6% smaller drive gear.
- Power handle extra.
- Conversion kit extra.

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